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Scrapping of border controls urged

Britain faces challenge from Santer

BY GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS, PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

THE European Commission will announce tomorrow a fresh attempt to force Britain to abandon passport controls on EU travellers.

Jacques Santer, the President of the Commission, will tell the European Parliament that he is planning a directive intended to end Britain's right to keep checks at ports and airports to monitor the movements of non-EU citizens who wish to enter Britain. Any such directive would have to be approved by all 15 member states.

Downing Street made clear yesterday, however, that it would veto any attempt to weaken its immigration controls. The Government could also take the Commission to the European Court of Justice, claiming that it is ignoring a declaration attached to the Maastricht treaty which appears to let governments within the European Union control the movements of non-EU travellers.

All the member states have agreed to let EU citizens travel freely across the Union, and next month seven countries will abolish all frontier posts and controls between them.

In London, the Conservative and Labour leaderships walked away from a Commons vote on Europe last night as Tory Euro-sceptics took up the warning delivered by Charles Wardle, the industry minister who resigned at the weekend, that the present safeguards were under threat. His claim was supported by lawyers and constitutional experts.



Santer: border directive likely to be vetoed

Leading Euro-sceptics received a copy of a Commission work programme which, they said, vindicated Mr Wardle's judgment that Britain would be defenceless in the European Court of Justice if its passport controls were challenged.

The fresh alarm over Europe coincided with a call by the Liberal Democrats for a referendum on future constitutional changes in the Union. The Commons vote, staged to exploit Tory divisions, became meaningless, however, as the two main parties advised their MPs to stay away and exposed tensions between Paddy Ashdown and some of his senior Liberal Democrat colleagues.

It emerged that the party's efforts to attract Labour support for the referendum motion collapsed when it became clear that Tony Blair's front-bench team had not been given any details of the plan.

Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, complained testily to Mr Ashdown in a leaked memorandum that he had been wrongly blamed for the failure to tell Robin Cook, his Labour counterpart, of the plans to force the referendum vote. Mr Ashdown had been keen to ensure that Labour were fully aware of the plan before the Commons debate was made public last week.

Ministers insisted yesterday that Britain's position on immigration controls is protected by a general declaration signed by the 12 leaders of the Union — at the instigation of Margaret Thatcher — at the time of the Single European Act in 1985. Although the Act provided for the free movement of people within the EU, the declaration allows member states to take measures to control immigration from third countries or to fight terrorism, crime, and drug trafficking.

Since seven states have already agreed to abolish their border controls from next month, pressure will be increased on the remaining members, including Britain, to follow suit. Italy and Greece are expected to drop their controls before the end of the year.

Mr Wardle, who claimed in his resignation statement that the declaration was "not worth the paper it is written on", said that Britain's position was increasingly untenable. "While that case runs, the

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JAMES MORGAN

Warburg managers discuss the latest crisis beside a sculpture entitled *Rush Hour* in front of their office at Broadgate in the City yesterday

Warburgs stunned as chief resigns

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE City's leading independent merchant bank, SG Warburg, was plunged into confusion yesterday after the sudden resignation of Lord Cairns, its chief executive, and the issuing of a profits warning.

Lord Cairns, a friend of the Prince of Wales, had worked for Warburg for 16 years, and has been chief executive since 1991. The board accepted his resignation on Sunday at an emergency meeting in London. By resigning, he is shouldering blame for the failure of merger talks in December with Morgan Stanley, the US-based global investment banking group, and for the departure last week of some key Warburg employees.

Staff have been unsettled since the collapse of merger talks forced the bank to review its loss-making businesses. It pulled out of Eurobonds last month with the loss of 180 jobs. Last week it lost the heart of its equities operation when Maurice Thompson and Michael Cohrs led a third of its equity capital markets team to rival Morgan Grenfell.

Deutsche Bank, parent of Morgan Grenfell, is creating a new investment banking business in London and is enticing some of the City's best corporate financiers with fat pay cheques and bonuses. Other Warburg staff are said to be seeking new positions, feeling little job certainty where they are.

Sir David Scholey, chairman, who had planned to retire in June when he will be 60, is to combine the roles of chairman and chief executive. Warburg said he would remain "to put the bank back on track". Brandon Gough, a non-executive director, has become deputy chairman.

Sir David told staff yesterday: "Our first task and highest priority is to revitalise investment bank profitability, taking decisive and substantial action to increase our revenues and reduce our cost base." This was interpreted by staff as a plan to cut further jobs. They fear that as many as 1,000 could go out of 4,472.

Five months ago, such events would have been considered impossible at Warburg, the City's most blue-blooded investment bank. But a hint of problems came in October, when shareholders were warned that its half-year profits would not meet analysts' expectations after a poor six months for equity and bond markets. In November it confirmed the worst when profits crashed from £148.8 million to £62.5 million.

After yesterday's profits warning, City analysts downgraded forecasts from £160 million for the year to March 31 to £135 million. The shares fell 20p to close at 706p.

Sir David, regarded as an "adopted son" by the late Sir Siegmund Warburg, who founded the firm after the Second World War, was due to hand over as chairman to Lord Cairns in June. He now faces the task of grooming a new chairman, possibly Mr Gough, and finding a new chief executive.

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'Times' sales rise again

Sales of *The Times* hit a new monthly record of 631,449 in January, a year-on-year increase of 175,821, and at 38.5 per cent the highest recorded by any daily or Sunday national newspaper. According to the Audit Bureau of Circulations, *The Times* now has 23.5 per cent of the quality daily market, five percentage points higher than a year ago.

Storms of passion on granite isle

Appointment of a new barmaid to Lundy Island, off the Devon coast, appears to have unleashed a torrent of emotions in islanders' lives. Seven have left, a marriage has ended and the barmaid has been flown to hospital after an apparent overdose **..... Page 3**

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Duke of Kent expresses Britain's regret for suffering of Dresden

FROM ROGER BOYES IN DRESDEN

THE Duke of Kent yesterday broke new ground in Anglo-German relations when he came close to apologising for the British role in bombing Dresden 50 years ago. Marking the anniversary of the raids, the Duke, representing the Queen, said in German: "We deeply regret the suffering on all sides in the war. Today we remember especially that of the people of Dresden."

The short speech was a climax to a day\of remembrance in which both British and German speakers acknowledged the horror of the raids and committed themselves to healing the wounds.

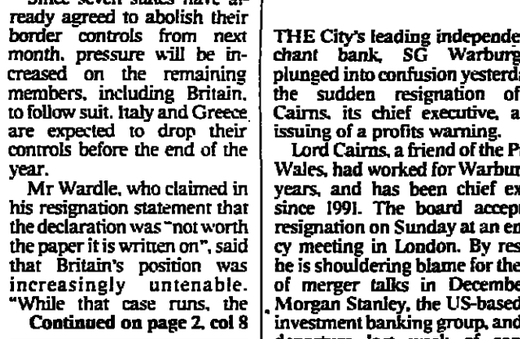
President Herzog defended Germany against criticism that it was trying to equate the Dresden bombing with German war crimes. "If you want peace, friendship and reconciliation, you cannot simply keep a bookkeeper's account of the dead, the wounded and the unfortunate victims from different nations. Life cannot be balanced against life, pain against pain."

The British were nervous about the anniversary, remembering the unfriendly reception accorded the Queen in October 1992. Yesterday there seemed to be a recognition by speakers and listening Dresdeners that the time had passed for raw anger. As tens of thousands followed the delegations from the Church of the Holy Cross (Kreuzkirche) to the ruins of the Church of Our Lady (Frauenkirche), it became plain that this would be one of the few war anniversaries to pass without serious dispute.

Both the D-Day anniversary last year and the Auschwitz commemorations last month were dogged by rows over the right to mourn and the right to celebrate. The tension was eased to a large degree by the British-based Dresden Trust charity's plan to build a golden cross and orb on the Frauenkirche when it is rebuilt in about ten years. "We want this cross to be a symbol of the reconciliation between Britain and Germany," the Duke said. "We give it in remembrance of those who died in Dresden and in the conviction that there will for ever be peace between our two peoples."

His statement appears to have satisfied most Germans. President Herzog also used the cross as the symbol of a recast relationship. "This cross, which will stand so high above the city, will remind us always that we have come together again."

Although both the Lord Mayor of Coventry, Nick Nolan, and his Dresden counterpart, Herbert Wagner, made similar conciliatory comments, President Herzog's speech drew most attention. He said that Dresden should no longer be used as part of an unstated prosecution case against the British or the Americans but rather treated as an occasion for mourning and remembrance.



The Duke of Kent laying a wreath yesterday in Dresden in memory of victims of the bombing

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Insure for legal fees, Aitken urges

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE public should take out insurance to cover the costs of lawyers' fees, Jonathan Aitken, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, said last night in the latest government drive to curb legal aid costs.

Mr Aitken said that Britain needed to follow other European countries and the United States in making more use of insurance to provide for legal action. He said that the amount spent on insurance in Britain was only £70 million, compared with £1.25 billion in Germany.

"These figures suggest that legal insurance is a neglected area in this country and I would welcome the extension of existing private schemes," Mr Aitken said. He added that it was up to the insurance industry to use its commercial judgment.

Ministers are anxious to peg back the spiralling costs of legal aid, which have risen from £363 million in 1986-87 to more than £1.4 billion this year.

Archbishop calls on taxman to boost marriage

BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE taxman could boost the fading appeal of marriage, according to the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, in a St Valentine's Day broadcast tonight.

In an appeal on BBC Wales, he will urge the Government to provide couples with tax incentives to make marriage more financially attractive.

"One encouragement of marriage at government level might be to make it fiscally more attractive," he says. "There has been such emphasis in legislation in recent years on the equality of partners and not disadvantaging the illegitimate, and on the whole treating cohabiting couples as if they were married. Those who are looking at the possibilities of different lifestyles see no particular advantage for themselves in actually getting married and society seems to be saying through the tax system that it doesn't matter."

He denies that his idea would drive marriage away from the idea of a selfless commitment. "Selfless commitments need a bit of social support," he says.

The Treasury conceded last night that, apart from the £344 married couple's allowance, which is due to be reduced in April and in practice almost always goes to the man, there are no tax advantages in getting married. It said: "We have to have a fair tax system, and that was widely recognised in the reforms of 1990."

Denise Knowles, of Relate, the former Marriage Guidance Council, said: "This pulls the rug from under the feet of love. The responsibility for making a relationship last lies with the couple, not with the Government. Marrying for tax incentives would be like marrying for money."

☐ The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, during his Indian visit, denied criticism that the moral authority of the Church of England had been eroded and said yesterday that he stood firmly behind the Prince of Wales and his estranged wife.



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Audio-visual limpet makes a monkey out of the organ grinder

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

"UN HOMME avec Dieu est toujours dans la majorité." Numbers don't count as long as God's on your side, said John Knox — but why in French? For Paddy Ashdown any language would have served, yesterday. There must be Mondays when the loneliness of the long-distance Liberal Democrat gnaws at the stoutest heart, but Mr Ashdown always manages to convey the impression that God is a Liberal Democrat too.

There he stood, backed by a little cheering claque of fellow Liberals, itself backed by a big green leather sea of empty Opposition benches, making a brave speech about our common European destiny, while Tories giggled, a couple of Labour backbenchers chatted among themselves, and Dennis Skinner (Lab, Bolsover) kept up a machine-gun stutter of toxic expletives.

Poor Mr Ashdown: it was actually quite a good speech. Each Liberal Democrat leader fancies himself on guard duty over the Liberal conscience during the long watches of the night. He keeps his hopes alive by whistling in the dark and scanning the horizon for the glimmer of an approaching dawn. Will it be he who leads his troops into the sunrise of a Liberal revival? The dawn never comes. Whistle on.

Ashdown was whistling bravely. He has the advantage of believing what he says about Europe. He has the disadvantage of being the chap Dennis Skinner has devoted the second half of his life to tormenting. Skinner has positioned himself permanently right in front of Ashdown and sits directly beneath the same microphone. It is almost impossible to get a TV shot of Ashdown without the leering image of Skinner directly in front. It is totally impossible to hear an Ashdown speech unpeppered with audible ridicule. Skinner has thus turned himself into an audio-visual limpet.

Like one of those creepy late-night films in which the toys come alive and an innocent nursery tale flips into a gothic horror-movie, this is the story of a Liberal organ grinder dogged by a loony-Left monkey gone feral, refusing to depart, clawing his shoulder, shrieking and spitting, and spoiling his music with demon cackles and a lunatic grin.

When Ashdown finally passes on to the great Liberal Democrat pasture in the sky and they place a modest headstone, eulogising his virtue, by his grave, Dennis Skinner's smaller memorial will be found just in front, blocking it and poisoning the flowers. It will be inscribed with lapidary grafitti: a spoil-sport footnote to a Liberal life.

After Ashdown, a minister, David Davis, replied for the Government. Smart people like to mutter that the capable Mr Davis is the next prime minister but two. Smart people cannot have watched him on his feet. He reminded me yesterday of John Davies, imported into the Commons from a successful business career by Ted Heath, to inject some managerial commonsense into the politics of UK limited. John Davies dive-bombed.

The trouble with these two men is that they carry with them the stifling aura of a video-assisted presentation to a group of sales reps in the conference room of a Trusthouse Forte motel by a motorway just outside Birmingham on a hot July afternoon. Heckled, they crumple.

They cannot spar, they cannot juggle, they cannot dance. They do not stand on their heads. They can't do funny voices. They may be wise counsel and wonderful managers but in the Commons Chamber they bomb. Mr Davis bombed.

Law experts back Wardle claim over EU borders

BY MICHAEL DYNES

LAWYERS and constitutional experts yesterday endorsed Charles Wardle's claim that Britain's internal frontier controls were in danger of being declared illegal by the European Court of Justice.

A decision could be made by the end of the year, after the European Parliament lodged a complaint with the court over the failure of Britain and Ireland to abolish all internal border controls.

The impending showdown with the court will add urgency to the debate about the erosion of Britain's immigration controls, sparked by Charles Wardle's decision to resign as junior trade and industry minister over Europe's "open door" policy.

Downing Street insisted yesterday that a declaration appended to the Act enshrined the right of each member state to maintain border controls. But Mr Wardle is adamant that it is "not worth the paper it was written on", and lawyers appear to agree with him.

Mr Wardle has made clear his determination to make sure that the frontier control issue would be high on the agenda of the inter-governmental conference (IGC) next year. Under Article 7a of the Act, each member state is required by law to eliminate all obstacles to the free movement of capital, goods, services and people, as part of the European Union's drive to create the single market.

After pressure from Baroness Thatcher, a declaration was added to the Act, stating that: "Nothing in these provisions shall affect the right of member states to take such measures as they consider necessary for the purposes of controlling immigration." Britain and Ireland have been convinced that the declaration preserved their right to carry out border checks for illegal immigrants, drug traffickers and terrorists. But the European Commission has made no secret of its view that Britain's interpretation of the declaration is flawed.

Commission officials insist that the attempt to retain internal frontier controls contradicts the provisions of the Act, which defines the single market as an "area without internal frontiers". Moreover, one leading QC who advised the Government on the legal status of the commitments entered into in 1985 bluntly told ministers that they were skating on thin ice as the declaration was subordinate to the Act.

"It will be pleaded that the declaration must be taken into account when interpreting the Act," he said. "But the weight of legal authority is against interpreting the Act by reference to declarations. In addition, the declaration does not state unambiguously that member states can maintain frontier controls on people coming from other member states. Relying on the declaration is no guarantee of success," he said.

A confidential report written for John Major some 18 months ago by Geoffrey Fitchew, the former head of the Cabinet Office's European Secretariat, confirmed suspicions that the declaration was effectively worthless.

Frank Vibert, director of the European Policy Forum, a think-tank specialising in European constitutional issues, said: "Declarations do not have the same legal standing as provisions in a treaty and are vulnerable to encroachments by the court."

SIMON WALKER



Charles Wardle after his resignation. He made little secret of his feelings for civil servants, accusing the Home Office of poor management

Officials knew when they'd been Wardled

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

CHARLES WARDLE, the government minister who resigned at the weekend, complained directly to the Prime Minister on at least two occasions that senior civil servants at the Home Office were not up to to the job.

Observers said that Mr Wardle's relations with his senior civil servants, who have described his attitude as overbearing, were among the worst seen in Whitehall between a minister and his private office. The problem grew so serious that last year it was informally brought to the attention of Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary and head of the Civil Service.

According to one source, officials in Mr Wardle's office on one occasion discussed walking out in protest at his sharp tongue. They did not do so because they feared that their careers would be affected.

Mr Wardle has made little attempt to conceal his contempt for civil servants. He wrote to Mr Major last month, some time after he had been moved to the Department of Trade and Industry, complaining that the Home Office, where he was responsible for immigration affairs, was characterised by poor management. He said that basic managerial skills were absent, that officials lacked qualification for the job and compared badly with the private sector. The letter also makes clear that it was not the first time Mr Wardle had taken the matter up with the Prime Minister.



Sir Robin Butler: informal approach

There are no official guidelines covering relations between ministers and civil servants. The only comment a government spokesman was offering yesterday was that civil servants, like anyone else, "expect to be treated civilly". Nor do any formal procedures exist for senior officials to make a complaint about a minister. It is up to the aggrieved official to decide whether to discuss the matter with the departmental permanent secretary, write to Sir Robin or seek the assistance of the First Division Association, the trade union for senior civil servants.

Last year Liz Symons, the general secretary of the association, told the Commons Civil Service Select Committee that her association had had complaints about at least two ministers who bullied and verbally abused civil servants. She declined to name the ministers in question, claiming that her members feared victimisation.

A flashpoint between Mr Wardle and civil servants occurred last year when he declined to publish a report on refugees in Britain produced by the Home Office research unit. Mr Wardle questioned the integrity of the civil servants who had produced the report and demanded to see the transcripts of the interviews on which it was based.

One person who worked closely with him said yesterday: "In meetings with Charles Wardle there was always more than a normal amount of listening, far more than than you expect with other ministers."

Civil servants at the Home Office even coined a word for being bawled out by the former immigration minister. After a dressing down officials would ruefully tell colleagues they had been "Wardled".

Britain faces new challenge by Santer

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other countries in Europe have begun to dismantle their frontiers. So before long we will be well and truly isolated," he said on BBC Radio 2 yesterday.

Downing Street insisted that whatever the Commission said, declarations signed by heads of government carried "great weight". The assurance failed to convince Tory Eurosceptics, however. They pointed to the Commission's legal interpretation of article 7a of the Treaty of Rome as amended by the Single European Act of 1985.

The interpretation states: "The Community internal market must operate under the same conditions as a national market: just as there are no border controls between regions in a single member state, goods, services, capital and individuals must therefore be free to move, unimpeded by any border controls, between member states ...

"Article 7a therefore establishes a clear and simple objective that allows no margin of discretion ... Power to impose controls or penalties which were exercised only on the occasion of, or in connection with, the crossing of an internal frontier would, therefore, be contrary to Article 7a."

Iain Duncan-Smith, Tory MP for Chingford, said that the declaration obtained by Mrs Thatcher in 1985 had no force in law and would be disregarded by the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

"Declarations are not part of treaty obligations. They are inter-governmental and the European Court does not rule on inter-governmental issues. It rules solely on what is in the body of the treaties. This paper confirms all the warnings Charles Wardle has given."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Woman in court over abduction

A mother of three appeared before magistrates yesterday charged with abducting the baby Lydia Owens from a hospital in north Wales and was remanded to a psychiatric unit. Susan Brooke, 39, of Rhyl, Clwyd, was accused at Prestatyn Magistrates' Court of the abduction of Lydia from Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan, last Friday. The baby, born last Tuesday, was discovered by police on Saturday two hours after Mrs Owens made a broadcast plea for her return. Lydia was returned to her parents safe and well.

At the 70-minute hearing, during which reporting restrictions were not lifted, Mrs Brooke, who was arrested by North Wales police on Saturday afternoon, spoke only to confirm her name, age and address.

Glencoe search fails

Rescuers in Glencoe failed to find any trace of the missing climber Allan Sands yesterday but another man was found on Ben Nevis, suffering from severe hypothermia. Sacha Backus had fallen while climbing with a companion, who is still missing. The search for him and for Mr Sands, who has been missing since Friday, will resume this morning.

Saatchi rivals in court

The first round in the High Court clash between Saatchi & Saatchi and its founder, Maurice Saatchi, has ended with both sides claiming victory. The agency failed in a preliminary attempt to prevent Mr Saatchi from setting up a rival business, but effectively won a temporary block against three senior defectors.

Magistrates spared

The Lord Chancellor is expected to grant magistrates an undertaking that they will not have to meet the legal costs of poll tax defaulters they unlawfully jailed. A judge recently ordered magistrates at Middleton, Greater Manchester, to pay the costs of High Court proceedings. Magistrates do not have the legal immunity of full-time judges.

Cantona may sue ITN

Eric Cantona may sue ITN for libel and invasion of privacy after his fracas with a film crew while on holiday in Guadeloupe, his lawyer said in Paris yesterday. Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has backed Cantona, saying: "To film without permission a man's six-month pregnant wife in her swimsuit is deplorable."

Dublin steps up peace pressure

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Irish Government will step up pressure on Britain today to release IRA prisoners and to open full-scale ministerial talks with Sinn Fein.

Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, is expected to underline Dublin's concern that Britain is moving too slowly in the peace process when he meets Sir Patrick Mayhew at Stormont Castle. Mr Spring will tell the Northern Ireland Secretary that Dublin has granted important concessions to Sinn Fein by freeing IRA prisoners in the Republic and by holding ministerial talks with the party. He will echo Sinn Fein's demands for Britain's exploratory talks with Sinn Fein to move to a ministerial level.

The two ministers will also hold talks on the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document. Both sides are keen to publish the document soon to allay Unionist fears that it will give Dublin an unprecedented role in the affairs of Northern Ireland after *The Times* disclosed details from the document. Dublin also wants to publish the document before Sinn Fein's annual conference, to be held in Dublin later this month, when the party will give its most detailed response to the peace process.

Negotiations on the framework document have been held up over changes to the Irish constitution, and the extent of the powers of cross-border bodies which will be proposed in the document.

The discussions in Belfast will follow a meeting in Downing Street this morning between John Major and senior members of the Ulster Unionist Party. It is understood that the Prime Minister will hold talks on the framework document with David Trimble, the MP for Upper Bann, Willie Ross, the MP for Londonderry East, and the Rev Martin Smyth, the MP for South Belfast.

Yesterday Sir Patrick condemned as "barbaric and repulsive" a series of punishment beatings that left nine people in hospital over the weekend. The Northern Ireland Secretary said that the beatings by suspected loyalist and republican paramilitaries must end, and he described the attacks as a "flagrant violation of the rights to live free from fear of violence".

His comments followed three separate attacks in Belfast and Londonderry. In the most serious, in West Belfast, seven suspected republican paramilitaries beat a 19-year-old boy around the legs with a baseball bat spiked with nails.

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Storms of passion sweep granite island

'She was a skivvy and now she's queen of Lundy'

By Dominic Kennedy

SCANDAL has divided Lundy Island (population: 11). Since the arrival of a new barmaid last spring, seven islanders have left, a marriage has ended and the femme fatale has been flown to hospital after an apparent overdose.

Lundy, a windswept hunk of granite 11 miles off the north Devon coast, usually serves as a holiday haven for bird-watchers or romantics eager to escape the bustle of life on the mainland. One of the rules of the island is that lights must go out at midnight when the windmill-generated electricity supply is turned off.

The appointment of Cait Scanlon, 26, as a temporary barmaid at the island's only pub, the Marisco Tavern, appears to have unleashed a torrent of emotions in the pastoral lives of the islanders.

Ms Scanlon, an amateur astrologer, is said to have declared there were too many Taureans and Cancerians on the island. Within months, two couples born under those star signs had left.

Another who has gone is Wendy Puddy, who took her two children after splitting up from her husband John, 45, the island's agent for the past 14 years. Earlier the Landmark Trust, which manages Lundy, had asked Ms Scanlon to return to the mainland. Robin Evans, the director, said: "Wendy and John's marriage was splitting up. I just felt it was a calming influence if Cait left the island for a while, while John sorted his marriage out one way or another."

Ms Scanlon was allowed to return to Lundy when Mr Puddy confirmed he was separating from his wife. Ms Scanlon has moved into the Puddys' three-bedroom, timber-framed home.

Mr Puddy has been on the mainland for the past week, working at his office in Bideford and overseeing work on the *MS Oldenburg*, the island's boat, which is in dry dock for annual checks.

He was signed off work for a fortnight by his doctor last Friday. The same evening, Ms Scanlon was flown by helicopter to North Devon District Hospital after apparently taking paracetamol and alcohol. She was soon discharged.

Deborah Congdon, whose husband used to be Lundy's engineer, said: "I think he [Mr Puddy] was totally dazzled by a very bright, energetic and attractive young woman. She's very eye-catching. She's got long, bright-red hair, blue eyes, a nice face, slim and very bright and bubbly." Philip Congdon was dismissed by the trust in December for "moodiness". Andrew Gibson, wildlife warden for six years, left in the autumn with his wife Lorna for a job on the Isles of Scilly.

Mrs Congdon, who worked in the tavern and cleaned cottages, said: "Cait was a very vivacious and friendly girl who had a tremendous interest in astrology. She always said there were too many Taureans and Cancerians on the island. Phil and Andrew are both Taureans and Laura and I are both Cancerians, and now we've all gone."

Mr Gibson said: "Even if I hadn't got another job, we would still have gone. The atmosphere was terrible." Ms Scanlon, he said, "came to the island to work in the tavern and do general skivvying and now she's the queen of Lundy". The first islander to succumb to her charms was Les Pitcher, an umarried farmhand.

"We were an item for a while," he said yesterday. "She was a bit odd. She would just wear black and green and she was into all that spiritual stuff.

"You must remember I was working for five months among 600 sheep, so she was a vision of loveliness to me. To start with she was OK, but she was the sort of girl you would sit down with, and within an hour she would be talking to someone else. I never relied on her for anything. If you arranged to meet her at a certain time, she would meet someone in the street and go off for a drink at their house.

"She could drink with the best of them. She loved champagne. She would come into the pub and order bottles of champagne."







John Puddy on Lundy: since his wife Wendy, top, has left the island with their two children, Cait Scanlon, above, has moved into the couple's home

Oyston friend gets bail on sex charges

By A Staff Reporter

A FRIEND of the millionaire Owen Oyston was given bail last night after being accused of 19 rapes and 40 other sex offences.

Peter Martin, 55, a former policeman, was kept in custody for up to 48 hours pending an appeal by the prosecution against the magistrates' decision. He was charged after Mr Oyston was bailed on multiple rape charges last week.

Their separate court appearances follow a five-month inquiry into a model agency that Mr Martin helped to run in Manchester. Yesterday it took the clerk at Trafford Magistrates Court in Sale almost 15 minutes to read out the 59 charges against Mr Martin.

Apart from the 19 rape charges, he is accused of 31 indecent assaults on women and young girls and of helping to run an international sex ring with his former girlfriend and Mr Oyston. He is also charged with five offences of taking indecent photographs of girls under 16 at Central Models agency. A further two allegations are that he kept a disorderly house at the agency and at his home.

Tracy Marie Grainey, 28, his former girlfriend who helped to run Central Models, is charged with keeping a disorderly house, indecent assault and procuring girls. They were both given bail until March 27.

Tories' big benefactor shunned mod cons

By Emma Wilkins

A RETIRED construction company owner who left more than £1 million to the Conservative Party in his will lived frugally and shunned the trappings of modern life.

John Jackson, who died last year aged 79, owned neither a television nor a car and ventured out of his Bournemouth home to the shops only occasionally on his bicycle. "There was no outward sign that he was a wealthy man," Sheila Skellon, a family friend who was granted probate on Mr Jackson's will, said. "He never took a holiday and didn't socialise — but then he had no interest in material things. He was a very private man whose great love was his garden."

Mrs Skellon said that Mr Jackson had confided his intention to make the bequest — the largest single legacy ever received by Central Office — two years ago. "He saw the legacy as a way of giving back the money to the people who helped him make it in the first place."

The family construction firm, Jacksons' Builders, was founded by his father Arthur in the 1900s. Mr Jackson's family pre-deceased him and he never married.

The Tory party, which has an overdraft of £16 million, will spend the bequest on its general election campaign.

☐ An architect has left up to £2 million to St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Stephen Dykes Bower, a specialist in Gothic architecture, spent much of his life drawing up improvements for the former parish church, built in the 14th century as a pilgrims' chapel. He never married and died last November, aged 91.

The Provost, the Very Rev James Atwell, said it would be premature to make assumptions about the will until he had met the trustees today.

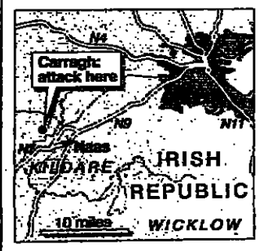
Troops join hunt for boy's killer after new attack

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

TROOPS in the Irish Republic joined the hunt for the killer of a five-year-old boy yesterday after an elderly woman was attacked in her home near the scene of the murder.

More than 100 police and troops with tracker dogs searched the countryside around Carragh, Co Kildare, after Ciaran Malone was stabbed to death in his bedroom on Saturday night. A second search centred on the town of Newbridge, five miles away, after a pensioner suffered severe head injuries in an attack on Sunday night.

Police, who said they feared the two assaults were linked, set up roving checkpoints in the area, which is close to the main Dublin to Cork road. A helicopter joined the search and diving teams searched the River Liffey near Carragh.



Police found two holdalls containing clothing, cash and a knife at the rear of Ciaran's house and by the river. Detectives suspect that the killer may have stored the gear, but was forced to change plans after he was challenged by the boy's father.

Detectives took the unusual step of publishing the name and photograph of a man wanted for questioning in connection with the stabbing of Ciaran. Jerome Kavanagh, 21, a neighbour and apprentice printer, has been missing since Saturday night.

Chief Superintendent Tony Mulligan, who is leading the hunt, said: "I would appeal to people to search their sheds and barns. I doubt he is being given shelter by anyone."

Locals described Mr Kavanagh as a loner who had few friends and spent most of his time at home with his parents. The Kavanaghs frequently looked after Ciaran, and the youngster spent two weeks at their house last month when his parents went on holiday to Spain. The two families visited each other yesterday.

Ciaran was stabbed to death in an apparently motiveless attack by a man wearing a balaclava on Saturday night. Ciaran and his two younger brothers were being looked after by their mother Mary and their aunt, Patricia Brereton, when the attacker entered the family home at 8.40pm on Saturday.

Mrs Malone answered the door to the assailant who tied up the two women, forced them upstairs and pushed Ciaran and his aunt into the same room. The attacker then stabbed Mrs Brereton before cutting Ciaran's throat in front of his three-year-old brother. Mrs Brereton was stable in hospital yesterday.

Soon after the stabbing, David Malone, the victim's father returned home and pinned the attacker to the ground. His balaclava fell off and Mr Malone recognised the intruder but he managed to escape through a window.

Within 24 hours of the stabbings Ann Curran, 72, was found with severe head injuries at her home in Newbridge.

Mrs Curran, who was seriously ill in hospital in Dublin yesterday, was found at the back of her bungalow after neighbours heard her screaming. She had been assaulted after returning from evening prayers. The blows fractured her skull.

Valentines pay price of love

By Marianne Curphey

A RECORD number of hopeful lovers will spend £45 million on cards and flowers to mark Valentine's Day today. The typical lovestruck Briton spends £1 on a Valentine's card and £2 on a single red rose.

More than 20 million cards, most featuring risqué messages or fluffy animals, and seven million roses will be exchanged. Harrods is selling roses for £6 a stem, beluga caviar for £68 for 50g and oysters at £1 each. There is still time to buy a £7,600 8ft oval bed, or a pair of lovebirds for £160.

British Airways says 50 men intend to propose in the clouds during a £1,000 Concorde flight over the Bay of Biscay. Many restaurants are fully booked, and thousands of couples will head off on romantic breaks to Paris and Rome this weekend.

The demand for roses is such that millions have been rushed in from Israel, The Netherlands, Colombia, Venezuela, Kenya, the Channel Islands, the Canary Islands and South Africa. British Airways World Cargo has also flown in 3.5 million carnations. Most are bought by last-minute Romeos.

The number of Valentines winging their way by first-class post has reached 10 million this year, up one million on 1994, according to the Royal Mail. Lover post office, near Salisbury, Wiltshire, has seen a 50 per cent increase in the number of Valentine's cards posted.

According to a MORI poll, however, most couples will spend Valentine's night watching television, going to the pub, dancing or arranging a meal at home, rather than going out for a meal. An unromantic 1 per cent will go to a football match.

☐ Talk Radio, launched this morning on 1053 and 1089kHz medium wave, has banned talk of love on Valentine's Day. Hosts of phone-in shows have been told to pull the plug on any callers who become sentimental.

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Trust blames Charters-Ancaster merger on falling demand for single-sex education

Fighting fund launched to block school merger

BY LIN JENKINS

PARENTS have launched a fighting fund to reverse the decision of an independent schools trust to close a leading girls' public school.

Campaigners are to mount a legal challenge to save Charters-Ancaster School in Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, after the Girls' Public Day School Trust announced on Saturday that it would merge the school with Battle Abbey School, a co-ed 5 miles away, because of a lack of local demand for single-sex education.

Parents believe the trust may have been motivated by the prospect of selling the 11-acre site, which is worth about £4 million. Helen Alaily, chairman of the Friends of Charters-Ancaster School, whose daughter Jeehan is head girl, said: "We are told it is because there are not enough pupils.

"But we believe otherwise. If there had been a problem over money or falling numbers they would surely have told us and we could have helped to do something." She said it was quite extraordinary that there had been no notice or even inkling that the school was in trouble. "It is appalling that we have been treated in this way."

Ivor Brampton, a governor at the 250-pupil school, and a local Conservative councillor and deputy lieutenant for Sussex, said he was astonished that he was not informed about the proposed merger. "At the meeting where it was announced I had to make my position abundantly clear. I knew nothing about it. I am devastated by this decision and it has been handled with total insensitivity."



Brampton: astonished by proposed merger

A letter from the campaigners will arrive at the Charity Commission today questioning whether the trust, a registered charity that owns 26 schools, has acted within its charter and within the laws governing charities. But the trust dismissed parental allegations of asset-stripping and disclosed that the Charity Commission had already approved its proposals to amalgamate with Battle Abbey School in September.

Michael Oakley, secretary of the Girls' Public Day School Trust, said it had been subsidising the school by £100,000 a year since it took control in 1988. He said the trust was heavily committed to making a success of the merger and was committing "land, buildings and money" worth more than £250,000 a year.

He said that the trust had invested heavily in staff and new buildings at Charters-Ancaster and, although academic standards had risen significantly, not enough new pupils had been attracted. As a small school, and the only one of the 26 to take boarders, it did not fit easily under the trust's umbrella.

Mr Oakley rejected as nonsense the suggestion that selling the site had been a motive in merging the school. He said parents had not been told until after the decision was made to avoid weeks of speculation and rumour which would otherwise have jeopardardised delicate and complicated merger negotiations.

David Authers, assistant secretary of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers, which represents most of the teachers, said: "If this merger takes place, we want as many children as possible to transfer to Battle Abbey to make the enlarged school viable and offer continuity for pupils and teachers." For every 15 pupils who enlist for Battle Abbey in the next school year, one teacher from Charters-Ancaster will be given a job.

TONY WHITE



Helen Alaily, chairman of the Friends of Charters-Ancaster School and her daughter Jeehan, who is head girl

Independents hit by decline in boarding

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

THE sharp decline in the number of parents choosing a boarding education for their children is taking a grave toll on smaller independent schools such as Charters-Ancaster.

Head teachers and governors, as in any private business faced with dwindling demand, have struggled to make ends meet as pupil numbers have fallen by an eighth in the past two years. There has been a steady stream of recent closures, despite the emerging economic recovery. Schools had hoped the expense of boarding was responsible for its decline. But they have found that today's parents are increasingly unwilling to "send their children away", particularly at an early age.

The latest census of the 1,350 members of the Independent Schools Information Service (Isis) discloses that boarding numbers continue to fall but the rate of decline is slowing. It is down from 6.2 per cent in 1992 to 5.2 per cent last year. Schools in rural areas have found it especially hard to compensate by increasing day pupil rolls.

Dick Davison, deputy director of Isis, said that 12 member schools had closed last year, but noted an encouraging trend for governors to seek mergers before financial problems became overwhelming. Mr Davison cited last week's decision by Penrhos College, a girls' boarding school in Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, to merge with its larger mixed neighbour Rydal School. He said this was better for pupils and parents than the closure last summer of Felixstowe College in Suffolk. The school, a victim of falling pupil numbers, told parents a month before the end of term that it would not reopen in September.

Mergers, however, can be as controversial as outright closure with parents. Some at Hawtreys protested at the preparatory school's speech day in July after it was disclosed that the head was being paid as an incentive to persuade pupils to transfer to Cheam, in Berkshire, as part of a merger.

The Girls' Public Day School Trust is adamant that it is acting in the best interests of pupils at Charters-Ancaster. The trust, founded in 1872, is responsible for an impressive number of "blue chip" schools. Charters-Ancaster is the only trust school to take boarders.



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GP murder charge dropped

A murder charge against Dr Patrick Alesworth, 48, accused of killing his daughter Sara at their home in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, last April, was reduced to manslaughter yesterday. Reading Crown Court adjourned the case against Dr Alesworth, a GP, for two weeks.

Two remanded

David Moon, 18, and a youth aged 15 were remanded in custody by magistrates at Bromley, southeast London, charged with murdering Emily Sims, 16, after a dance.

Fireman fined

A Leicester fire-engine driver on an emergency call who hit a car after going through a red light was fined £250 by magistrates for careless driving.

Debut flight

A United Airlines Boeing 777 will make the 300-seat aircraft's first fare-paying passenger flight from Heathrow to Washington DC on June 7.

Pensioned off

Connie Reay, 77, of Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, came out of hospital to find a bank computer error over her pension had left her officially dead.

Nuclear fishing

A nuclear reactor at Dungeness A power station in Kent had to be shut down yesterday after a shoal of sprats got into the cooling system.

Northern Ireland pupils excel in GCSEs

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PUPILS in Northern Ireland outperformed their English counterparts in GCSEs, according to Government figures published yesterday. Forty-nine per cent of pupils in the Province achieved five or more GCSEs at the top A-C grades, compared with 43 per cent in England.

The proportion of fifth-formers in Northern Ireland who did not achieve any GCSEs in 1993-94 fell by one percentage point to 5 per cent. In England the proportion rose by one percentage point to 8 per cent.

The Department for Education in Northern Ireland said the figures reflected the quality of teaching. But Father Denis Faul, principal of St Patrick's Boys Academy in Dungannon, Co Tyrone, which was equal top of the league, said they "failed to give the whole picture".

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Lottery competition forces pools firm to cut £8m charity cash

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

A FOOTBALL pools company is being forced by competition from the National Lottery to cut donations to charity by £8 million a year.

Vernons said yesterday that after suffering a 15 per cent fall in turnover since the introduction of the lottery in November, it would be stopping its voluntary contributions to the Foundation for Sports and the Arts from next year. The company has traditionally donated 5p in every pound of its turnover to the FSA.

Phil Jarrold, managing director, said the company deeply regretted the decision. "We must however give priority to investing in our business so that we remain a strong competitor to the National Lottery in the years ahead."

Last month Vernons announced that it was laying off more than 90 of its full-time staff as a direct result of the National Lottery. Sir Tim Rice, chairman of the FSA, said the withdrawal of Vernons' donations was a body blow to the foundation. "It seems to be defeating the point of the National Lottery, which was founded to raise money for good causes, if it results in money being diverted away from other sources of funds for sport and the arts."

Sir Tim added that the pools companies faced unfair competition from the National Lottery since they paid more in tax and had greater restrictions on prize pay-outs and promotion. "They are taking on the National Lottery with one hand tied behind their back."

Vernons emphasised that although it was suspending voluntary donations to the FSA, it would continue to pay the 2.5 per cent levy that is obligatory under the 1991 Finance Act. Since the FSA was created in 1991 it has received £42 million from Vernons through contributions. Last year the company gave £8.2 million in voluntary donations and £4.1 million through the levy.

In a separate development yesterday, an opinion poll commissioned by the TSB Bank found that 75 per cent of those asked think the size of the National Lottery jackpot should be reduced and the number of smaller prizes increased. According to the survey of 979 people conducted by NOP, 54 per cent said the upper limit should be £5 million or less, while 26 per cent said there should be no upper limit.

A spokesman for Camelot, the National Lottery operator, said its own surveys showed the public was split 50-50 on whether the jackpot prize should be restricted.

☐ Camelot said yesterday that only one ticket containing all six winning numbers — 15, 18, 29, 35, 38 and 48 — had been sold for Saturday's draw. It was not known if the winner had come forward to claim the prize of £9,015,108.

PETER TRIEVNOR



PC Seear: "He was more like a brother"

PC denies rape of fellow officer

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

A WOMAN police officer was raped after a new year party by a drunken colleague she regarded as an "English gent", the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

PC Michael Seear, 25, of Lightwater, Surrey, denies raping the 23-year-old WPC from the Surrey force after a "toffs and tarts" party on January 1 last year.

The woman told the court PC Seear had been a close friend. "He was almost like a brother, very caring, very friendly, an English gent."

She did not go to the party but spent most of the evening at home, where she was briefly visited by various friends, including PC Seear, who gave her a "thoroughly unwelcome" drunken embrace.

He had left the room but soon after 2.30am joined the WPC, who was sitting with her boyfriend, a fellow police officer who had just come off duty and who was a friend of the defendant. Her boyfriend had left to have a shower and the defendant had talked about how drunk he was. "He asked could I help him go to his room," she said.

She had supported him as he staggered along the corridor. In his room he had locked the door, tried to kiss her, bit her neck and, when she resisted, forced her to the bed. There was a prolonged struggle and he raped her, she said. He was holding her down by the wrists. "I couldn't understand how someone who could hardly walk, who was slurring their speech, could suddenly change." He had stopped suddenly and she had returned to her own room where her boyfriend was already asleep.

Peter Clarke, for the prosecution, said she kept the attack secret and did not mention the rape until the spring of 1994 when she made a formal complaint to senior police officers.

PC Seear was alleged to have said that the two of them had embraced but insisted that at no time had they had sexual intercourse.

The case continues.

Hospital tells 999 drivers to go away

BY NIGEL HAWKES

HOMERTON Hospital in east London yesterday asked the ambulance service not to bring any accident and emergency cases until further notice because it is full.

"We're still open for walking wounded or for cases like stabbings but we've asked ambulances to divert to other hospitals," a spokeswoman said. The pressure on the hospital, in Hackney, has not been caused by the closure of accident and emergency services at St Bartholomew's Hospital but by the annual peak in respiratory infections and the number of older people too frail to send home.

This is the third time in the past few months that the hospital has asked ambulances not to bring new patients.

☐ Surgeons at Guy's Hospital in London have threatened to stop operating when the hospital's intensive care beds are transferred to nearby St Thomas's. Only three of the hospital's 30 consultant surgeons are confident that they can continue operating safely.

Teenagers held after woman is impaled

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN was critically ill last night after being impaled on railings when she was hit by a stolen car.

Three teenagers, aged 13, 14 and 16, have been questioned by police over the incident in Sheffield on Sunday.

Collette Maragh, 27, a student, underwent ten hours of surgery in the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, where surgeons had to close a wound in her throat and then set a number of broken bones. She also has severe internal injuries.

Last night her condition was said to be "critical but stable". She was on a life-support machine. Her parents, who had travelled from their home in Luton, Bedfordshire, on Sunday were at her bedside.

Miss Maragh, who is in the second year of a communication studies course at Hallam University in Sheffield, was standing on the pavement near her student digs when the car turned at speed into the street. Witnesses said the driver appeared to lose control, narrowly missing several parked cars on his own side of the road before swerving to the wrong side, mounting the kerb and striking Miss Maragh. She was tossed into the air and fell on to a spiked fence surrounding a commercial property. She then fell to the pavement.

The car, an Austin Montego stolen in Sheffield in the early hours, ploughed through the railings, careered down a bank and rammed a wall. Witnesses reported at least two youths running away. Other students came to Miss Maragh's assistance and one, a medical student, gave her first aid.

Teacher sacked over sex lessons

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BIOLOGY teacher sacked over topics he covered in a sex lesson was within council guidelines, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

The Manchester hearing was told that Vincent Pedley, 50, could not have breached the sex education policy at the Jewish King David High School in Crumpsall, Manchester, because he had never seen it.

Mr Pedley was dismissed from the school after parents complained that he had discussed masturbation and oral sex. He was alleged to have told one mixed class that he had been "turned on" when giving his first sex education lesson and told a girl that he liked her cleavage.

The governors ruled that Mr Pedley, of Urmston, Greater Manchester, was not qualified to deal with such sensitive issues and should have referred pupils who asked explicit questions to the Jewish studies department.

Mr Pedley is claiming unfair dismissal against the school and Manchester council. David Isherwood, who worked at the school for 17 years, said that one of the pupils who made allegations against Mr Pedley was "a boy who made wild statements and caused trouble".

Peter Bentley, representing Mr Pedley, who was dismissed for gross misconduct in 1993, said that the city council's education policy required teachers to "deal with all aspects of human sexuality". Teachers were supposed to "develop the personal confidence of the individual to talk about sexuality, using the appropriate vocabulary".

The hearing continues.

Red Cross loses NHS café to McDonald's

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE fast-food chain McDonald's is considering opening its first branch in a Scottish hospital. The company is in talks with the Southern General NHS Trust in Glasgow with a view to taking over a café run by the Red Cross in the hospital shopping mall.

When the Southern General became an NHS Trust last year the Red Cross was told it would have to put in a new tender for the site but it was outbid by McDonald's. A decision on the project will be made next week.

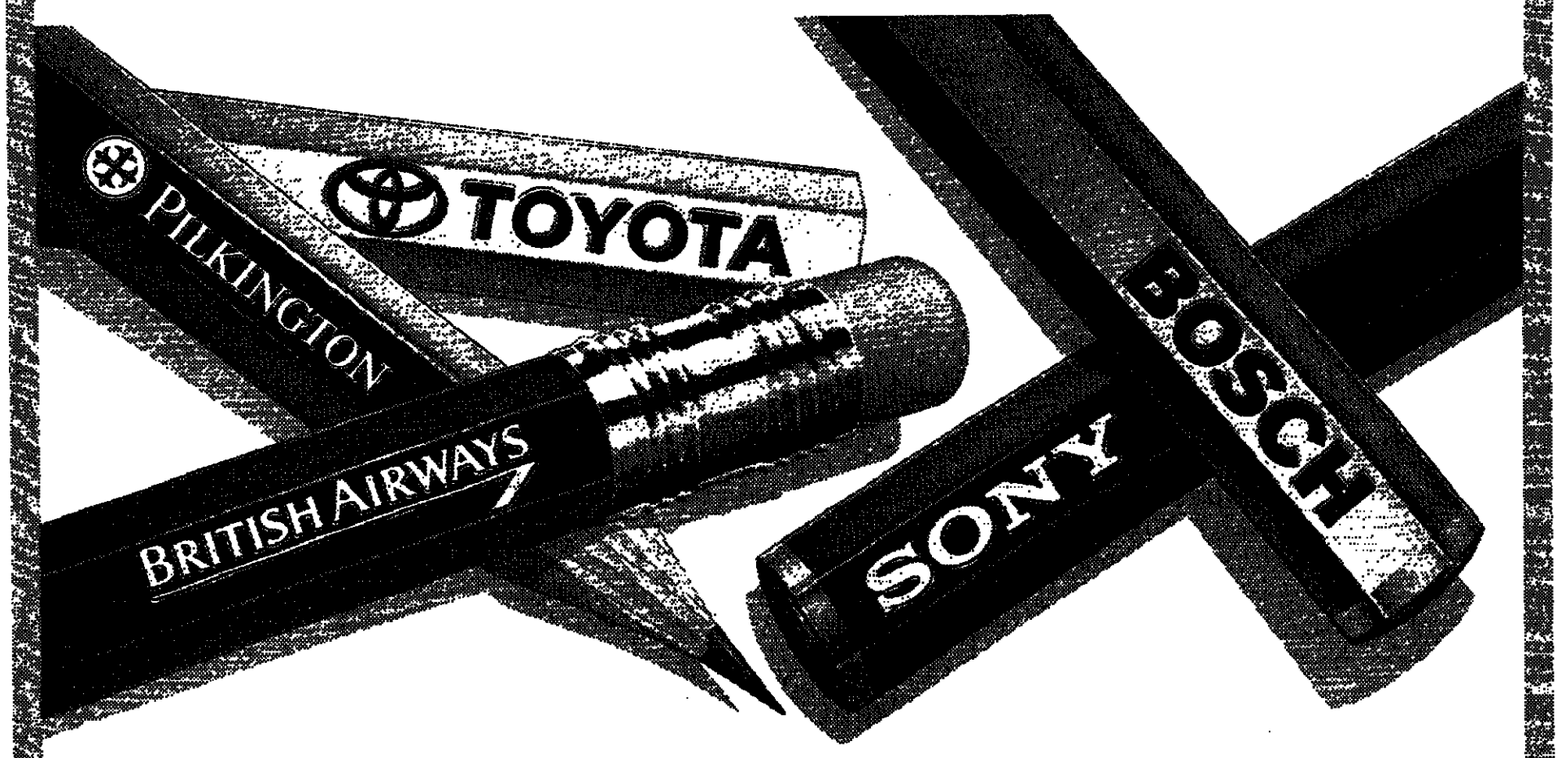
If it goes ahead, it is bound to cause controversy. Scots have one of the least healthy diets in Europe and one of the highest premature death rates. A high consumption of fats and junk food have been blamed for Scotland's high incidence of heart disease and obesity.

McDonald's, which already has an outlet at Guy's Hospital in London, says that its burgers should be eaten as part of a balanced diet and that its food is nutritious. The restaurant would serve as a canteen for patients, staff and visitors.

A recent Scottish Office report into the nation's diet found that 20 per cent of men never eat green vegetables and a third of boys eat chips every day.

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MoD chiefs consider scrapping £264m project for spy aircraft



BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ATTEMPTS by the Ministry of Defence to develop a remote-controlled surveillance aircraft might be abandoned, ten years and £264 million after the project began.

The Phoenix, a pilotless aircraft that should have been available to help British artillery units to hit Iraqi armour in the Gulf War but is still not in service, could be scrapped in favour of a foreign alternative because it too often sustains damage when it lands.

The uncertain future of the Phoenix, which is already six years behind schedule, has been highlighted by a senior Ministry of Defence source who said that the project was being evaluated.

One of the difficulties is that when the Phoenix air vehicle comes back to ground it often lands too heavily and causes damage to the fuselage. The Phoenix floats down by parachute and is supposed to land gently on its back. A GEC-Marconi source confirmed there was a problem: "When it comes down it occasionally sustains more damage than we initially thought would happen."

The Ministry of Defence evaluation team is now examining three options: to scrap Phoenix and buy off the shelf; to press on; or "to get someone else to do it". The senior MoD source said: "It's a major problem for the contractors but we have to protect the taxpayers."

The airborne surveillance system, which is supposed to send pictures of enemy positions to ground stations, has been developed by GEC-Marconi Avionics.

One defence official claimed that the Phoenix was turning into a "mini rerun" of the notorious Nimrod affair. The Nimrod airborne early warning aircraft, also developed by GEC-Marconi, was scrapped by the Government eight years ago after about £900 million had been spent.

The advanced radar on Nimrod did not meet RAF specifications. The Government bought the Awacs early warning system from Boeing instead.

MPs on the Commons Defence Committee are shortly to begin their own investigation into Phoenix, with their first hearing in two weeks. The senior MoD source denied that Phoenix was "another Nimrod". The source said in the case of Phoenix, the electronics and imaging were "fine". But there were four technical problems, none of which involved "leading edge" technology. "However, they are vital and if they can't be put right easily, we may have to look elsewhere," the source said.

The reliability of the Phoenix system was examined by the National Audit Office last year. Its report said that steps should have been taken by the MoD long ago to renegotiate the contract or take other remedial measures.

The Phoenix can be flown either autonomously or by command from the operator who needs no piloting skills. Its primary task is to pick out targets for the British Army's new multiple launch rocket system, which proved so effective in the Gulf War.

GEC-Marconi said the production of the Phoenix was already under way and several systems had been delivered to the Army, although they were not yet in service.

The figure of £264 million at 1993-94 prices is quoted in the National Audit Office report. However, GEC-Marconi said the money spent so far was considerably less than that. Other reports suggest that about £230 million has been spent, double the original budget.

Biological make-up may hold key to criminal behaviour

■ **Genetics may help us to understand why some people are more likely to commit anti-social acts. Jeremy Laurance reports**

THERE is no such thing as a natural-born killer but genetic make-up may make a person more likely to commit criminal or anti-social acts, scientists said yesterday.

Evidence that genes play a part in social deviance is to be presented at a three-day meeting in London on genes and crime, attended by psychologists, geneticists and lawyers from Europe and the United States.

Studies of twins who have been involved in crimes ranging from juvenile delinquency to serious offences have shown that identical twins, who share the same genes, are more similar in their anti-social behaviour than fraternal twins. Studies of children who have been adopted show that their anti-social behaviour is more like that of their genetic parents than their adoptive parents.

The meeting, organised by the Ciba Foundation, a charitable trust established in 1949 to promote communication among scientists, follows the cancellation of a similar event in the United States after it provoked a political dispute. Scientists involved in the "criminal genes" debate have been accused of racism.

Professor Sir Michael Rutter, chairman of the conference and head of the department of child psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, said there was no single gene for crime and that the finding of a genetic influence did not mean that environmental factors were unimportant. "That is not how genes operate. Rather they affect how people behave and how they respond to stress. Whether or not this results in crime will depend to a large extent on circumstances."

Professor Rutter said there was "no one entity of crime" and illegal acts ranged from highly principled civil disobedience to widespread anti-social behaviour. The aim was to gain an understanding of how risk factors operated to help to prevent and remedy problems.

There were "huge individual differences" in the way children responded to family discord and disruption, he said. "We don't understand why. If we understood the mechanisms involved we would be in a much better position to do something about it."

Dr Greg Carey, of the Institute of Behavioural Genetics at the University of Colorado, said there was no answer to the origins of crime. "We are not insects with strong and rigid genetic programming. We are flexible. Two people with the same genes will not turn out the same. There are very strong environmental factors. This conference will not be delivering a ringing endorsement of biological determinism."

Dr Carey said that criminal behaviour could be influenced by an interplay between genes that affected views of risk-taking, the perceived benefits of cheating and the fear associated with being caught. "We know very little about the mechanisms which may start with DNA but result in anti-social behaviour."

Convicted killer seeks brain test

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

VIOLENCE, aggression and anti-social behaviour dominate the family tree of Stephen Mobley, 29, a convicted murderer awaiting the death sentence in an American jail.

His uncles, aunts and grandfather were all affected and Mobley had a history of violent and criminal behaviour from childhood before shooting dead a pizzeria manager in 1991. However, his family tree also contains several highly successful businessmen, including his father, a self-made multimillionaire in the shoe trade.

"There is a fine line between the aggressive success of the self-made businessman and the violent outrage of the criminal," Dr Deborah Denno, associate professor at the Fordham University School of Law, New York, will tell the Ciba Foundation conference today.

Lawyers acting for Mobley asked a court to allow him to undergo neurological tests to determine whether he was suffering from an imbalance of brain chemicals that may have contributed to his behaviour. The court rejected the request on the ground that the influence of genes on criminal behaviour was not yet scientifically accepted. The case has gone to appeal.

The lawyers based their request on evidence from The Netherlands where a family with a history of aggression was shown to have a deficiency of a brain chemical, monoamine oxidase A, associated with a mutation in a gene.

Dr Denno said it was unlikely that the higher court would allow the appeal but she expected the principle of genetic influence to be admissible in court within five years.

"It is inconsistent to reject it when other medical factors about which we have limited knowledge are accepted," she said, and added: "A genetic abnormality could be compared to other sorts of biological, psychological or sociological factors which have been admitted as evidence into court."



Watercolour of a dog attributed to Charlotte Brontë. The author left more than 100 drawings and had a serious ambition to be an artist

Revealed: portrait of the Brontës as young artists

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Brontë sisters are about to be seen in a new light as a collection of their paintings and drawings goes on show for the first time.

Jane Sellars, director of the Brontë Society, said that the importance of art in the lives of the sisters — Charlotte, Emily and Anne — and their brother Branwell had not been appreciated.

She said: "The imaginations which produced *Jane Eyre* and *Wuthering Heights* also produced exquisitely delicate and romantic portraits of fictional heroes and heroines, detailed sketches of each other and of their pets, careful flower studies, and designs for minutely worked embroideries."

Few have been aware of the sisters' talents as painters and illustrators, although they left more than 360 images between them. Part of the reason for this is that most of their work is owned by the Brontë Parsonage Museum in Haworth, North Yorkshire, where the Brontës lived, and has been shown only occasionally.

Two exhibitions, at Haworth and Sotheby's in London, and a book co-written by Ms Sellars and Christine Alexander, associate professor at the University of New South Wales, will show that the works are more than the relics of famous writers.

Ms Sellars said: "Most would know that Branwell attempted a career as portrait painter in Bradford, but we have discovered that Charlotte, who left well over 100 drawings, had a serious ambition to be an artist."

The authors' research took them back to an 1834 exhibition, which Charlotte is known to have visited: they found a sole surviving copy of the catalogue in Leeds reference library, and discovered that Charlotte, at the age of 18, was among the exhibitors. She showed two drawings of Kirkstall Abbey in Leeds and Bolton Abbey in North Yorkshire: both are on show at Howarth.

Her research reattributed a watercolour of a dog from Charlotte to Emily. Ms Summers said: "That increases Emily's *oeuvre* by a lot because there is hardly anything by her." The exhibition runs at Sotheby's from tomorrow to March 1; at Haworth, until February 1996. The book will be published by Cambridge University Press on February 23.

Grasper, the family pet terrier, by Emily Brontë



A French brunette portrayed by Charlotte Brontë

Heart disease linked to small babies

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

HEART disease, high blood pressure and diabetes may be linked to the supply of nutrient to the brain of a foetus, a leading scientist claimed yesterday.

Professor David Barker, head of the Environmental Health Unit at Southampton University, said that 17 studies around the world had confirmed the link between low birth-weight (indicating under-nutrition in the womb) and high blood pressure.

Because of its size the human brain demands a high level of nutrients as it develops in the womb and that may leave other vital systems in the foetus undernourished. The result is a baby prone to heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes in adult life. "Different parts of the foetus undergo very rapid cell division at different times during pregnancy," Professor Barker said. "These are the so-called critical windows of development when those tissues are vulnerable to under-nutrition. If the foetus is undernourished at that time those parts suffer permanent damage."

The critical window for muscle development was a short period around the thirtieth week of gestation, for the pancreas a longer period from mid-gestation into infancy and for the kidneys a few weeks before birth. During periods of under-nutrition the foetus attempts to protect the supply of nutrients to the brain, which makes the greatest demand. "Heart disease seems to be linked to the sacrifice of tissues in mid-foetal life to save the brain," he said.

A study of 16,000 adults born before 1930 in Hertfordshire showed that those who weighed under 6lb at birth had almost twice the risk of dying of heart disease before 65 compared with those who weighed 9lb. Other evidence suggests that small, round, fat babies have a lower risk of heart disease than long, thin ones. Studies have shown that babies born with small abdomens have a 30 per cent higher risk of dying of heart disease in adult life.

The development of the abdomen coincides with that of the blood cholesterol and coagulation systems which, when affected, raises the risk. Thin babies born with little muscle are similarly at greater risk of developing diabetes in later life.

In India and the Far East, where birth weights are low by Western standards, there is little heart disease because foetal growth rates are low from the outset.

Gene therapy patients saved from 'test-tube existence'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

PATIENTS treated by gene therapy are no longer to be classified as genetically modified organisms, subject to special controls before being "released" into the environment. They had come under the same health and safety rules as plants and bacteria whose genes had been altered.

Volunteers taking part in the cystic fibrosis trial at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London, for example, ought to have been reviewed to ensure they were safe to release. A spokesman for the Health and Safety Executive said: "If we had stuck to the letter of the law, we would have condemned these people to a test-tube existence."

The executive published proposals yesterday to exclude humans and human embryos from the category. "This is an example of how technological advances have outstripped the existing regulations," it says.

The executive has also proposed a simplified system for classifying micro-organisms, such as bacteria, modified by genetic engineering. The system is designed to protect the public against the release of organisms that might cause damage or pass modified genes to other species.

The new system classifies the organisms according to their potential harmfulness and will bring British regulations into line with a European Union directive due to come into force at the end of April. The proposals are now open to responses from interested parties.

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Children of alcoholics suffer pain in silence

BY A STAFF REPORTER

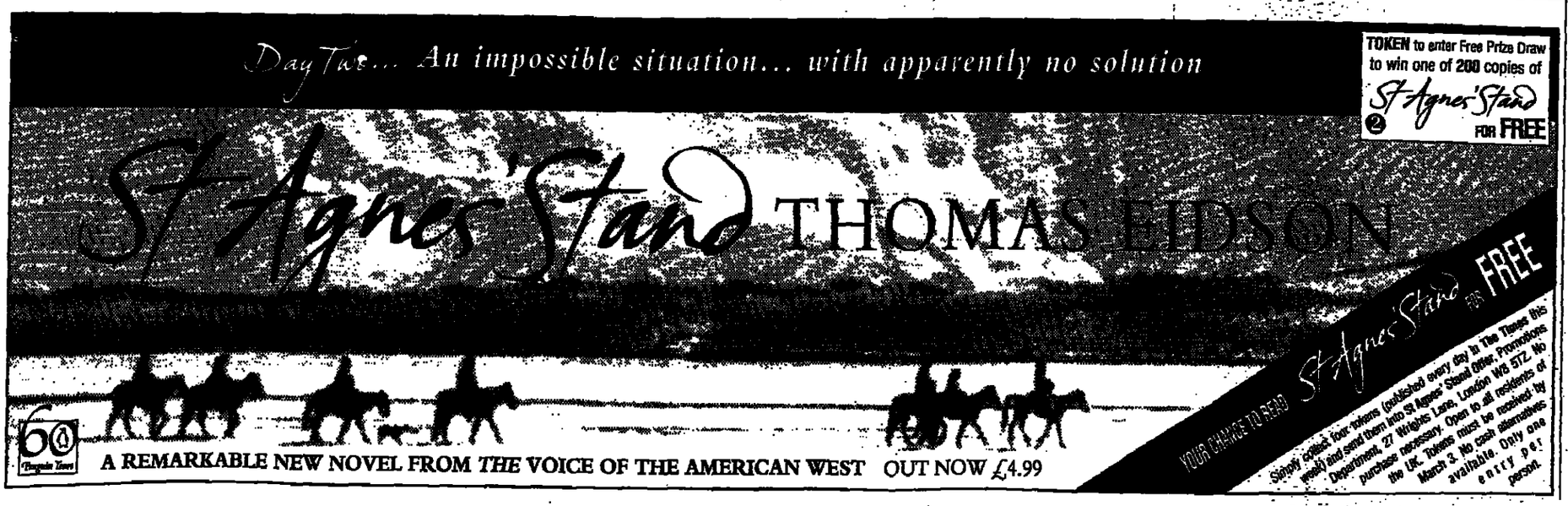
MORE than 500,000 children live with a parent who has a drink problem, a conference on alcohol abuse was told yesterday.

Many suffer years of physical, emotional and sexual abuse, but are afraid to talk about it, Sue Cork of Childline said. Most would call the charity's confidential helpline only if their lives were threatened.

Speaking at a conference on Alcohol and the Family in London, Ms Cork said that it was not just fear of reprisals from their parents that prevented children from speaking out. "They are afraid they will be placed in care or that their parents will get sick and die," she said.

According to the Institute of Alcohol Studies, two million adults have alcohol problems, but only 5,490 children (4,316 girls and 1,174 boys) called Childline about alcohol abuse. Some believe the law overlooks abused children. Jonathan Goodliffe, a solicitor who specialises in family law, said: "When dealing with violence in the home caused by alcohol problems, judges tend to treat the violence as the problem, not the real cause."

Dr Richard Velleman, a psychiatrist, said young people from problem drinking homes were more likely to start drinking and using drugs at an early age.



Downpour overwhelms 'decrepit sewer system

By Ian Murray
Community Correspondent

BRITAIN'S ageing sewerage system is breaking down under the pressures of one of the wettest winters on record. Rainfall has been well above average since last August and sewerage pipes and treatment plants cannot cope.

One-third of the 25,000 combined sewage and stormwater overflows in England and Wales "present some kind of problem", according to the National Rivers Authority (NRA). These overflows can legally be used by water companies to drain a mix of raw sewage and rainwater into rivers or flood plains when the flow through plants is too great to be treated.

"Poor sewerage infrastructure and inadequate capacity exist throughout England and Wales," the authority said in its latest report on water pollution, issued last September, before the onset of the winter's heaviest rains. Since then, the aquifers have filled up, which means rain cannot easily soak away and has to flow through the sewerage system.

The problem has been exacerbated by the construction of housing on green-belt land. Instead of soaking into the ground, rainwater is caught on roofs and roadways and channelled into the drainage system where it mixes with household waste.

"A lot of sewage treatment works designed years ago for smaller populations cannot cope with the extra stormwater, so they let it flood out mixed with the raw sewage," according to Guy Linley-Adams, of Friends of the Earth. "This sort of thing happens regularly all over the country." The NRA was not able to monitor the practice, he said.

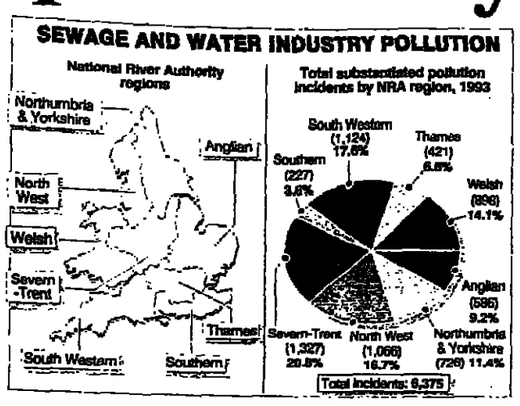
"Combined sewer overflows [CSOs] cause serious pollution whenever it rains heavily. It would be all too easy for the water companies to exploit the largely unmonitored CSOs and divert more untreated sewage down them, avoiding the expense of having to treat it at sewage works." Friends of the Earth is to begin a study of CSOs, to ascertain the scale of the problem.

In 1993 there were 25,299 reported incidents of water pollution, of which 331 were classified as serious. The NRA blames a quarter of these on sewage. "There is no centralised system of monitoring because each company uses a slightly different method. We are revising the system so that we can apply the same kind of standards everywhere," the authority spokesman said.

"The plus side of heavy rainfall is that the sewage is already extremely diluted by the time it overflows into a swollen river."

☐ The Sports Council has commissioned a study of the River Trent after complaints that canoeists using the National Water Sports Centre near Nottingham are contracting sewage-borne diseases.

Brian Pluckrose, a manager at the centre, said pollution was washed down the Trent from industrial towns. "We have been closing down when we can tell visually that is likely to be dangerous," he said. "It is always worse when it floods. We wouldn't mind if they forewarned us when this stuff is going to be drained into the river, but they haven't got any monitoring system."





Rabbits bounce back

To the chagrin of farmers and golf course greenkeepers, and the delight of ecologists, rabbits are reoccupying the British countryside after surviving 40 years of the ravages of myxomatosis (Michael Hornsby writes). Estimates put the population at about a third of the pre-1950 figure, which was between 60 and 90 million. Farmers have regarded the rabbit as a particularly tenacious pest since early in the last century. Badly infested farms can have up to 40 rabbits per hectare and every year they are estimated to eat crops worth £100 million. Gordon McKillop, a zoologist at the Government's Central Science Laboratory, said: "The survivors have developed a degree of immunity to myxomatosis, which is passed on from one generation to the next." However Diana Bell, a biologist at the University of East Anglia, said that myxomatosis was still virulent. "It is quite wrong to say rabbits have become immune."

Sheehan on Bridge

Dealer South — Game all. Teams

	♠9542 ♥A ♦KQ1065 ♣J63	
♠10873 ♥Q1095 ♦73 ♣K87	N W E S	♠Q ♥K8643 ♦982 ♣10952
	♠AKJ6 ♥J72 ♦AJ4 ♣AQ4	

W	N	E	S
—	—	—	2NT
Pass	3♠ (1)	Pass	3♠
Pass	5♠ (2)	Pass	6♠
All pass			

Contract: Six Spades by South. Opening lead: three of spades

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

(1) Stayman, asking for four-card majors.
(2) Asking his partner to bid the slam with good trumps

In one room declarer won the trump lead, drew a second trump and then played off his diamonds. West ruffed the third round and played a third round of trumps. Declarer discarded one heart and one club on the diamonds, but eventually had to take a club finesse. Down one.

In the other room declarer played better. He won the ace of spades, played a heart to dummy's ace, a diamond to his jack, ruffed a heart, played a diamond to his ace, ruffed another heart and then played a trump. Had trumps been 3-2 he would have made all 13 tricks, but when East showed out all he could do was draw another trump and play a diamond. West ruffed and played another heart. Declarer ruffed but had to lead away from his club tenace. Down one.

The second declarer had the right idea but he put all his faith on trumps breaking. What he should have done was to duck the queen of spades at trick one. If East continues with a trump, he will still make 12 tricks (five diamonds, five trump tricks and two aces): if East switches, declarer can still take his two heart ruffs but the difference is that he has kept control by losing the first round of trumps rather than the last round.

Keene on Chess

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Kamsky ahead

In the Fide semi-finals at Sanghi Nagar, India, Gata Kamsky has surged ahead in his match against Valery Salov. The match between Karpov and Gelfand remains level with one win each. The following two games from the matches exhibited remarkable stylistic similarities.

White: Gata Kamsky
Black: Valery Salov
Queen's Gambit Accepted

1	d4	d5
2	c4	dxc4
3	e4	Nc6
4	Be3	Nf6
5	Nc3	e5
6	d5	Na5
7	Nf3	a6
8	Nxe5	b6
9	Be2	Bb4
10	Qd4	0-0
11	0-0	Bb7
12	Ng4	Nxg4
13	Bxg4	Qe7
14	Rad1	Rad8
15	Bf4	Rfe8
16	Qe3	Bd6
17	Bxd6	Qxd6
18	Rfe1	Qe7
19	h3	g6
20	Qg3	Kg7
21	Ne2	h5
22	Bxh5	Qe5
23	Nf4	Kg8
24	Bxg6	bxg6
25	Qxg6+	Qg7
26	Qh5	Re5
27	Qh4	Qe7
28	Qg4+	Qg7
29	Ne6	Qxg4
30	hxg4	Rxe6
31	dxe6	Re8
32	Rd7	Rxe6
33	Rxc7	Rxe4
34	Rd1	Re8
35	Rdd7	Be4
36	f4	Nc6
37	f5	b4
38	f6	Kf8
39	c5	c3
40	bxc3	bxc3
41	Re6	Nd8
42	Rxc3	Nf7
43	Rg4	Bg6
44	Rc7	Bf5
45	Rh4	Rd8
46	Ra7	Rd6
47	e4	Bd3
48	Ra8+	Nd8
49	Rb4	Kf7
50	Ra7+	Kf8
51	Rb8	Bg6
52	Rg7	Bf5
53	g6	Rd6
54	Rh7	Black resigns

White: Boris Gelfand
Black: Anatoly Karpov
Caro-Kann Defence

1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
4	Nf3	e6
5	Be2	c5
6	Be3	cxd4
7	Nxd4	Ne7
8	c4	Nbc6
9	Qa4	dxc4
10	Na3	Qa5+
11	Qxa5	Nxa5
12	Nab5	Nd5
13	Nxd5	exd5
14	Bd2	a6
15	Nd4	Bb4
16	Nd5	0-0
17	Bxb4	Nxb4
18	0-0	b5
19	f4	Rfd8
20	Rad1	Kf8
21	Nd6	Rab8
22	a3	Nbc6
23	Bf3	Rd7
24	Rfe1	Rc7
25	f5	Rd8
26	Bg4	h5
27	Bxh5	Rcd7
28	Bxf7	Rxd6
29	Rxd6	Rxd6
30	exd6	Kxd7
31	d7	Nb7
32	Re8	Nbd8
33	Kf2	a5
34	Ke3	Kf8
35	g4	Kg5
36	h3	b4
37	axb4	axb4
38	Kd2	Kf6
39	h4	g6
40	bxg6	Kxg6
41	h5+	Kh6
42	Kc1	Kg5
43	Rh8	Kf6
44	Rg8	Kf7
45	Re8	Black resigns

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Squabbling Tories 'are jeopardising peace and stability'

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

PADDY ASHDOWN criticised the Tory party's internal wrangling over Europe yesterday saying that it was mindlessly destroying the "biggest political idea this century".

Opening a Liberal Democrat debate in the Commons calling for a referendum on any further changes to Britain's relationship with the European Union, Mr Ashdown said: "The battleground of Europe has been ceded to a tiny minority of the Tory Right." The Liberal Democrat leader said that the idea of a European Union was the biggest political idea this century and the most important safeguard for prosperity, peace and stability in the next.

He said: "Europe is far too important an issue to be left to an internal spat in the Conservative Party, the minor mathematics of the Conservative whips and a weak leadership."

But his hope of defeating the Government was dashed by Labour's refusal to support the Liberal Democrats because it does not want to be "bounced" into a decision on a referendum. With Labour imposing only a one-line whip on its MPs, the Government was heading for an easy victory, with or without the support of the nine whipless Euro-rebels.

Mr Ashdown said that Parliament had no right to give away sovereignty without asking the people. "The powers that we have are not ours as of right to give away as we wish. They are vested in us through the democratic process by the people of this country and those powers should only be redistributed with the consent of the people from whom they come.

"The debate about Europe has been a politicians' debate which has excluded the people who Europe is supposed to serve. Maastricht was a politicians' treaty, drawn up in the gilded palaces of Europe, couched in language which most people couldn't understand and many cabinet ministers didn't even bother to read, and which passed through this House in a charade of indecipherable late-night procedures and funny hats. Next time, we have to engage our electorates in the debate and carry them with us."

David Davis, minister of state at the Foreign office, agreed that EU membership was in Britain's national interest but ridiculed the Liberal Democrat's motion. "It is a paradox that we are debating these vital issues on such an irrelevant motion but characteristic of the Liberal Party," he said.

"The motion calls for a referendum before any substantial alteration of the present constitutional settlement between the EU and its member states. But such a substantial change would require the assent of every single member state and it won't get it. Therefore the question of a referendum will not arise."

Joyce Quin, a Labour spokeswoman on Europe, said: "Our position is quite clear. We believe that people should be consulted. Whether that will be with a referendum or an election very much depends on the timing and circumstances."

Tony Benn, the hard-left Labour MP for Chesterfield, said that he was deeply disappointed that the Labour Party had decided to abstain on the motion. "I am not working hard for a Labour government so that the leader of the Labour Party, instead of being First Lord of the Treasury, will be the chairman of the British municipal corporation, pleading with Frankfurt in order to get permission to do something about unemployment."

Bill Cash, the first Tory Euro-sceptic to speak, said that he would support the Liberal Democrat motion. He said the Tories had supported the principle of referendums in the past. In 1972 there had been the Northern Ireland border poll and the Tories had campaigned over votes on Europe in 1975 and devolution in 1978. He insisted that a referendum was now the only way to discover "what the people outside really think".

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Tories 'may defect to fringe parties'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A WARNING that disgruntled Tories could defect to fringe parties promising a tough stance towards Brussels was issued last night by the former Trade Minister Neil Hamilton.

Mr Hamilton coupled his warning with a plea for the Government to commit itself to a referendum on any moves towards a single currency. A failure to do so would risk a repetition of the election defeat of 1974 when disaffected Conservatives switched to Labour because of Harold Wilson's promise of renegotiation of the terms of entry and a plebiscite on the outcome.

The former minister, who was forced to resign his post late last year at the height of the controversy over MPs' business links, told a meeting of the Bruges Group in London that minor parties, such as the UK Independence Party and Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, could pose a threat to Tory MPs at the election.

"Independent candidates could provide a repository for the votes of the disgruntled. A few hundred votes in a few dozen constituencies may make the difference between being in government and out of it."

Chris Gill, one of the nine whipless Tory rebels, told the meeting that a single currency would hasten the break-up of the United Kingdom.



SIMON WALKER

Mr Brown, who described the executive share options as "daylight robbery"

Brown rails at £100m tally of share-option profits

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SHARE option profits gained by the top executives of privatised utilities have passed a total of £100 million, Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said last night.

Speaking at a rally in Islwyn, where the former Labour leader Neil Kinnock's seat will be filled in a by-election on Thursday, Mr Brown said that the water industry's £16 million profits had pushed the total to £101 million, which was shared by only 145 directors and executives. In the case of the water industry this was on top of a 400 per cent rise in salaries since privatisation, he said.

Today Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman of Northwest Water will face a grilling from the all-party Commons Select Committee on Employment over the £4.9 million of options shared by the directors of his company.

Mr Brown said Labour's polling had shown great public anger about the share options. "Privatised industry remuneration packages are a new form of daylight robbery, a raid on millions of consumers paying more because of them. A central test of this unfair Government is its failure to act against the abuses we have exposed in the privatised water, gas, electricity and telecom industries."

The £101 million in share-option profits includes £50 million for regional electricity companies, £28 million from other electricity companies, £6 million shared between British Telecom, Cable and Wireless and British Gas, and £16 million for the water industry.

General election, 1992: N G Kinnock (Lab), 30,908; P W Bone (C), 6,180; M Symonds (LD), 2,352; H Jones (PC), 1,636. Lab majority: 24,728.

Too many junior ministers chasing too little work

PEOPLE ON POLITICS

Two junior ministers have resigned in the past week. The only surprise is that more have not done so, not because they are forced out or disagree over policy but because the job is unsatisfactory.

Being an under-secretary is frustrating and underpaid, with little influence and often not enough to do. Many are also discontented because of the Government's divisions and lack of direction, and worried about the risk of losing both office and even their seats in two years with little to show for it. But their complaints are much more than just a response to the Tories' current political predicament.

There are too many junior ministers for the work to be done. In a letter to the Prime Minister last month, Charles Wardle wrote that the department of trade and industry has "two ministerial posts too many on its strength and could also do with more pruning at official level". Few even in the Treasury understand why they require three junior ministers as well as two Cabinet ministers. Health has four ministers in the Commons and social security five, when the previous combined department had just five. Mr Wardle's views are widely shared, not just by ministers but also by many permanent secretaries, especially now they are having to implement big cuts in the number of senior Civil Service posts.

At present, there are 86 ministers and whips in the Commons, nearly three times as many as a century ago. The size and scope of Government has, of course, increased substantially. But decision-making is concentrated in about three dozen members of the Cabinet and senior ministers of state, who face a heavy workload. The role of the rest is often marginal. Many junior ministers do the work of civil servants in other countries, as happens when they negotiate at meetings of European councils. There is often wasteful duplication as ministers read out civil service briefs. Ministers are also needed to take legislation through the Commons, but that is only occasionally demanding. Otherwise, some junior ministers can have time on their hands for hobbies or keeping fit. Departments have been known to invent regional trips to keep their junior ministers busy.

The justification for having so many junior ministers is classically British. It is argued that outsiders, lobbying and pressure groups, expect to meet a minister rather than an official. Civil servants take a double-edged view. They privately deplore the number of ministers, yet, at the same time, are happy for some hapless parliamentary under-secretary to undertake the tedious chore of seeing trade associations. Officials are content to hide behind their anonymity.

Chief whips also like to have so many posts available as patronage. With 30 to 40 more parliamentary private secretaries in addition, this provides a useful payroll vote to anchor the Government's majority. However, business managers complain that there is a shortage of suitable junior ministers in view of the lack of rewards and frustrations. There is always someone who will take the place of a minister who has resigned. But the quality is mixed. Some MPs with growing families are unwilling to give up lucrative outside consultancies for the uncertainties of a junior post at this stage of the parliament. Moreover, the whips have found that some parliamentary private secretaries have been more trouble than they are worth. When they run into personal trouble and are forced to resign, as some have, there are headlines about "Top Tory quits" when the MP has never been heard of before.

The only reason some other junior ministers have not followed Mr Wardle is that they still rate their chances of promotion, they are loyal to the Government and they worry about what their friends and relations would say. The glow of being an under-secretary soon fades. Even the official car and the deference of officials and the public are thin compensations.

PETER RIDDELL

Shadow minister defends the Union

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S Scottish affairs spokesman made an impassioned defence of the Union during a public debate with the Scottish National Party.

George Robertson said that he would turn down a cabinet post in a Labour government in favour of sitting in a devolved Scottish parliament. But if he thought that devolution would lead to independence he would have nothing to do with it.

Devolution would avoid "ripping Scotland" out of a country the Scots had helped to build, he said. "Do we really want to make foreigners of our family and friends down south? Do we really want a separate Scottish currency, changing money for a weekend in Blackpool or to shop at the Gateshead MetroCentre?"

Mr Robertson was debating the relative merits of devolution and independence with Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, in Edinburgh. Mr Salmond said that Labour was as unionist as the Tories.

Blair aims to double ranks of Labour women MPs

BY JILL SHERMAN

TONY BLAIR underlined his determination yesterday to see more Labour women in the House of Commons.

The Labour leader said he hoped that by the next general election there would be at least 76 women MPs in the Labour party, double the present number. But the party's policy of all-women shortlists in 50 per cent of marginal and vacant seats is meeting strong opposition in some areas.

So far only 26 out of 90 marginal seats have drawn up all-women shortlists. Labour Party sources insist that this is equal to a 40 per cent success rate in regions that have already held their "consensus" meetings to decide which seats should go to women. However, only five out of the seven English regions have got to this stage, leaving the Northern region and the North West, Scotland and Wales still to make a decision. Party activists in these areas are complaining that the party is being invaded by well-groomed middle-class women who have little in common with the traditional Labour Party. In some regions, constituencies are keen to select highly regarded male candidates who have fought the seat before. In others, men and women are against quotas.

Last year Mr Blair made clear that the policy should be introduced "flexibly and sensibly". But Labour's national executive still has the power to insist that constituencies produce all-women shortlists if they feel that the policy is deliberately being ignored.

At a conference in London yesterday, Mr Blair said: "We can hardly call ourselves a proud representative democracy when less than 10 per cent of MPs are women." Although he did not comment on the controversy over shortlists, he set out to court the women's vote by insisting that sex equality would be enshrined in the new Clause Four. "The struggle for women is an essential part of my vision of the values and ideals of the new Labour Party."

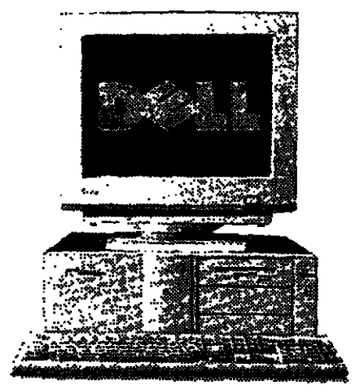
He said that women should not be sidelined as a special interest group, and emphasised the importance of childcare and nursery education for all parents. "Giving women the power and ability to work is an economic imperative. Fashioning structures in which this can be compatible with a strong and stable family life is a social imperative," he said. "Both require changes of policy in government and in attitude on the part of men."

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, MPs put questions to Welsh ministers and the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster. The Liberal Democrats then led a debate on "Europe and a referendum". The Lords debated the Pensions Bill, the South Africa Bill the and Law Reform (Succession) Bill.

TODAY: In the Commons, questions to health ministers and the Prime Minister will be followed by a debate initiated by Labour on "a divided Britain — the problems of poverty and long-term unemployment", opened by the Shadow Social Security Secretary, Donald Dewar.

In the Lords, a debate on the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill will followed by a debate on the call for restoration of democracy in Nigeria.



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Balladur campaigns with monetary union pledge

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

EDOUARD BALLADUR, the Gaullist Prime Minister, opened his campaign for the presidency yesterday with promises to restore national confidence and to reinforce French leadership in Europe and the world.

Standing stiff and alone, before a theatrical, peach-washed backdrop, the technocrat-politician delivered an exhaustive catalogue of modest proposals that he contrasted with the "empty promises" made by François Mitterrand when he ran for the presidency 14 years ago. The era of division between Left and Right was over, M Balladur said. He added: "I want to rally the biggest possible number of French in a spirit of tolerance."

Half a dozen loyalists from the politically divided Cabinet watched as M Balladur, 65, launched himself into the campaign fray at a moment when his long domination of the race has been eroded by the emergence of a Socialist rival, a looming scandal and his surrender last week in a new rash of student protests.

Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist chief who is fighting as the underdog against his own former protégé, and Lionel Jospin, the Socialist candidate, have seized on the latest incidents to castigate M Balladur for vacillation and a lack of imagination.

On Europe, M Balladur amplified his previous promises to work for monetary union by 1997 and said he would ensure that the Franco-German tandem would remain at the heart of France's policy. Under his presidency France would work to streamline the European institutions, making sure that a larger Union would not enable smaller states to gang up on bigger countries. The entry of East European states, but not of Russia or Ukraine, was ineluctable, he said. France would ensure that their entry would not dilute the present common programmes and social protection.

His presidency would encourage the creation of different "circles of co-operation" involving states that wanted to join in closer union in monetary, defence and other domains. France would also fight to ensure that its language and culture thrived in Europe.

Intoning his manifesto for an hour in a Paris hotel, M Balladur said that his goal was to build on the record of his 22 months as Prime Minister to restore hope to a society that had begun to doubt itself after two decades of crisis. France's chronically high unemployment, now at 12.6 per cent, was the root of the crisis and would be his top priority as President.

Like his mainstream rivals, he offered no big tax cuts or radical medicine for creating jobs, but rather a series of measures to cut deficits, curb France's stifling employment taxes and offer guaranteed training schemes for the young. M Chirac is due to offer his own manifesto this week, nine weeks before the first round of the two-stage election.

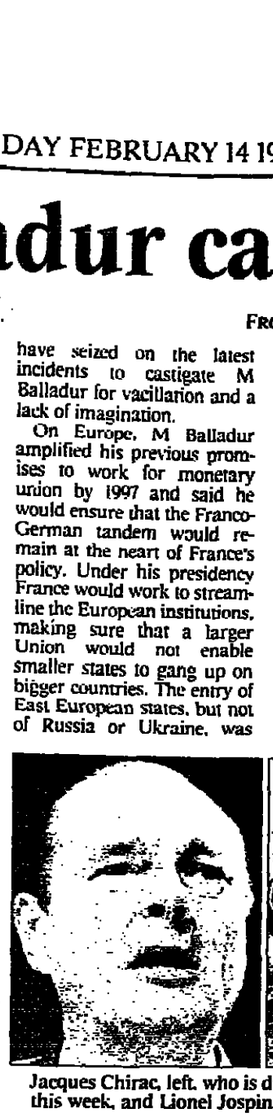
M Balladur also promised reforms to increase individual liberties and to "reconcile the state and the citizen". He would hold a referendum on the matter within six months of his election. He would also propose that France's seven-year presidential term should be made non-renewable, meaning that he could not stand for re-election in 2002. He would ensure that "the French model of social protection" would be reinforced. He promised to fight to ensure that an enlarged European Union enjoyed similar social guarantees and would not become a simple free-trade zone.

M Balladur placed great emphasis on the need to achieve reform through dialogue, which, he said, was "the only modern method". The Prime Minister's passionate belief in consensus, dubbed the "Balladur method", is the main target of the offensive against him by his rivals in the campaign. M Chirac, 62, has attacked him for "immobilism" and "conservatism" after he scrapped a plan to restrict the access of technical college students to universities. Jacques Toubon, the Culture Minister and a Chirac loyalist, said that the move was an example of M Balladur's approach of "one step forwards, one step backwards".

M Jospin who is challenging M Chirac for second place, said: "This Government does not understand young people. He did the right thing to suspend [the regulation], but he was wrong to propose it in the first place."

Reacting to M Balladur's manifesto, the Socialist Party charged him with a "lack of political will to get to grips with the real problems that are afflicting society".

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Jacques Chirac, left, who is due to launch his manifesto this week, and Lionel Jospin, fighting for second place



Edouard Balladur in Paris where he presented his manifesto for the presidential campaign yesterday. He promised to reinforce French leadership in Europe

González stops Britons voting in local polls

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THOUSANDS of European Union citizens living in Spain, most of them Britons, are being denied the right to vote in forthcoming municipal elections because the troubled minority Socialist Government, which proposed the European Union legislation, expects them to cast their ballots for the conservative opposition.

The elections will be held on May 28 and the Spanish Cabinet has until February 28 to approve a royal decree. That would ratify a directive giving the vote to EU citizens in the municipalities where they live, pay local taxes and are on the electoral roll.

However, Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, who proposed the directive and who has until next January 1 to adopt the law, has decided to postpone approval of the decree. His popularity is at a record low.

Last Friday, his Cabinet gave approval for citizens of Norway, Sweden, Denmark and The Netherlands to vote in Spain because of bilateral agreements.

"The Spanish Government had a golden opportunity to set an example to the rest of Europe, but realised that the foreigners were not going to vote for them," Ricardo Sánchez Bocanegra, president of the Federation of Foreigners' Associations, based in Marbella, said yesterday.

"Many foreign residents will feel sad and deceived," he added. "They pay local taxes and suffer the same problems as Spaniards, and were looking forward to voting for the first time. González, who was once the champion of Europe, has violated the Treaty of Maastricht."

The decree giving the vote in municipal elections has been ready for Cabinet approval since December, said Emilio Calvo Blanco, an official at the electoral census office in Madrid. "If it is approved after February 28, the foreigners will not be able to register in time for May 28."

Half the estimated 300,000 foreign residents in Spain are British, but only 10,702 registered for last year's European elections. The conservative Popular Party has protested at the deliberate delay in approving the decree.

"The foreign vote could have been vital in marginal town halls," said John Seth Smith, honorary British Vice-Consul in Benidorm. "Local elections in places like Jávea and Mijas had attracted much more interest than those for distant Strasbourg."

☐ **Pact offered:** Señor González offered José Maria Aznar, the leader of the Popular Party, a pact before last week's parliamentary showdown, but the proposal was spurned, an opposition spokesman said last night.

In secret talks on January 30, Señor González had offered to bring general elections forward by 12 months to next year in exchange for a softening of opposition attacks on the Socialist Government. He fought off an attempt to bring down his administration in Parliament last week and was widely judged to have got the better of his rival in the two-day debate on the state of the nation. *(Reuter)*



González: royal decree delayed by Cabinet

Fini to meet Tories on London visit

FROM REUTER IN ROME

GIANFRANCO FINI, the Italian right-wing leader, said yesterday that he hoped a trip to Britain and France this week would convince Europeans that his political group had cut its links with Fascism.

Signor Fini, whose neo-Fascist Italian Social Movement (MSI) was dissolved and succeeded by the National Alliance last month, dismissed a demonstration planned to protest against his visit to London as the work of extreme leftwingers. He will take part in a seminar organised by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, meet Conservative Party MPs in the House of Commons and have talks with financial and business leaders in the City.

Signor Fini created the National Alliance in the run up to last March's general election. It was part of the Freedom Alliance coalition led by Silvio Berlusconi, the former Prime Minister, who was later forced to resign by his coalition partners after he was put under investigation for alleged corruption.

Asked about reports that some local branches of the National Alliance still displayed busts or photographs of Benito Mussolini, Signor Fini said: "I don't think the problem is in how many branches a photograph [of Mussolini] remains. My job is to see to it that in every branch of the National Alliance there are no more yearnings [for the past], either implicit or explicit."

The MSI was founded in 1946 by officials from the rump Fascist Republic of Salo that Mussolini led as a Nazi German puppet regime in northern Italy.

Signor Fini, whose popularity is growing, predicted that the National Alliance would win up to 22 per cent of votes in elections later this year. He said Signor Berlusconi was still the group's candidate for Prime Minister.

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Rival commanders in Chechenia agree partial ceasefire

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN and Chechen military commanders yesterday agreed a ceasefire in Chechenia, the Russian Defence Ministry announced. It added that, although the ceasefire so far applied only to heavy weapons, "the first steps have been taken towards achieving mutual understanding".

Talks are to continue tomorrow, but Russia reportedly has already ordered its troops to stop using their artillery. Arrangements are to be made during the ceasefire for the collection and exchange of the bodies of the many fighters killed on both sides.

It is widely predicted that President Yeltsin, who is to deliver a key speech to the Russian parliament on Thursday, will take the opportunity to announce a new approach to the Chechen conflict as a result of his troops being able finally to claim a victory in Grozny. One victim of such a new policy would probably be General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, who is widely held responsible for the Russian Army's failures and the high number of casualties it has suffered. Matvei Burlakov, a Deputy Defence Minister and General Grachev's close ally, has just been formally sacked by Mr Yeltsin after being suspended for two months over accusations of corruption and conspiracy to murder a journalist.

The two other latest casualties of the Chechen operation among the Russian high command, however, come from the opposition to the military intervention. It was announced yesterday that General Boris Gromov, another Deputy Defence Minister, had been demoted to the much less significant position of military adviser to the Foreign Ministry. Another senior officer, General Eduard Vorobyov, has been dismissed the service.

General Gromov has bitterly compared the war in Chechenia to that in Afghanistan, where he commanded the Russian withdrawal. He and other senior officers have pointed out that, in the entire 12 years of the Afghan war, the Soviet Army suffered fewer than 14,000 dead. According to official figures, in two months in Chechenia the army alone, not counting Interior Ministry troops, has lost 1,020 men killed. Russian soldiers on the ground say the real figure is much higher.

According to Tass, yesterday's ceasefire was agreed by General Anatoli Kulikov, the Russian commander in Chechenia, and General Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen chief of staff, at a meeting in the Ingush village of Ordzhonikidzevskaya, near the Chechen border.

The Interfax news agency, however, quoted a "senior Russian officer" as saying that Russian troops, having captured Grozny, would remain in Chechenia until they had occupied the towns of Gudermes, with a population of 30,000, Shali and Argun, the three main centres remaining in the hands of the Chechen administration of General Dzhokhar Dudayev. Shali lies southeast of Grozny and currently houses the Chechen military command.



Gromov: demoted to the Foreign Ministry

Shevardnadze in Downing St visit

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE President of Georgia and former Soviet Foreign Minister, Eduard Shevardnadze, arrives today for a three-day visit that will underline British support for Georgia's independence and territorial integrity and make clear Western backing for political and economic reform in the turbulent republic.

Mr Shevardnadze was a popular reformist Foreign Minister, who forged close relations with Britain during the key talks leading to German unity. He will be given an effusive welcome, before talks and lunch with John Major, a reception with the Queen and a formal dinner.

Mr Shevardnadze was last here during a visit by President Gorbachev in April 1989, six months before the fall of the Berlin Wall. The long-standing invitation was renewed in November at the Budapest summit of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe. He will visit the Bank of England, the Stock Exchange, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the Confederation of British Industry. Britain sees the chance for a rapid expansion of trade, providing economic reform takes hold: last year British exports to Georgia amounted to only £4.2 million, with imports a derisory £128,000.

The main aim of Britain's invitation is to boost Mr Shevardnadze's standing and his attempts to restore normality after a bitter civil war, tensions between ethnic groups and a confrontation with Russia. While at Downing Street, he will sign a joint declaration on friendship and co-operation and another on the promotion and protection of investment in Georgia.

His talks with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, are also expected to cover Bosnia-Herzegovina, Chechenia and Nato's plans for expansion in Eastern Europe.



Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, left, General John Shalikashvili and the Duke of Kent watch wreaths being laid at a Dresden cemetery yesterday

Uniforms stir unease in pacifist Dresden

FROM ROGER BOYES IN DRESDEN

It has been a long time since Dresden last saw a British military uniform. No eggs were thrown yesterday at Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, but he was not exactly encouraged to make a walkabout in the streets of the Saxon city that still bears the scars of the Anglo-American bombing and five decades of socialist planning.

"We do not like uniforms of any kind," said Elke Hohlfeld. Fifty years ago, she was cowering in a cellar as the bombers thundered overhead. Her brother helped to load the blackened corpses on to carts and push them to the city cemetery where, yesterday, the field marshal laid a wreath. While the Duke of Kent slipped out of the Taschenberg Palace and around the city virtually unnoticed, Sir Peter, his medals jangling, was a rather more obvious and, for this most pacifist of German cities, provocative sight.

Dresden's pacifism is natural. It was not only devastatingly bombed, but it has been reminded daily for the past half century of the night of February 13-14 when 12,000 buildings blazed in a fire storm. The charred rubble of the Frauenkirche was allowed to squat for decades like a baroque slagheap in the middle of the city, explained only by a plaque that blamed "imperialist" bombers. If there were uniforms to be seen in the streets, they were of Soviet soldiers, neat tank men from Kirghizia, waiting for trains to and from the Warsaw Pact front line. The resentment towards the Russians, who snatched the best accommodation and who initially looted and raped among the rubble, far surpasses the bitterness felt for the British and Americans.

The re-emergence of uniforms, even in the harmless shape of Sir Peter and his young aide-de-camp, has prompted some reflection in the city. What is the nature of Dresden's pacifism, what is the meaning of the bombardment for Germans today? Did the English commit a war crime? The answer, offered in random encounters with Dresdeners, is still yes.

Are the Germans therefore victims of the war, to be pitied in the same way as the inhabitants of Warsaw or the Warsaw Ghetto? Nationalists and pacifists can march some way together in Germany. Pacifists create martyrs out of the Dresden victims; nationalists supply the martyrs' cause and draw conclusions about the way Germany should now behave. Since Germany is a victim of war as well as a perpetrator, it cannot be treated as if it has an "abnormal" history and must be allowed to take its place in the world. That, at any rate, is how the nationally tinged proponents of the new German pacificism are arguing.

Volker Braun, a poet whose father died in Dresden, protests. "Are we living under the rubble of amnesia that we can propose the deployment of German Tornadoes and deliver weapons abroad without hearing the echo of terrors past?"

Yesterday, as the British and (far more modest) American delegations moved around the city from cemetery to lunch and from lunch to church, occasional placards sprouted in the crowd: "Dresden, Bihac, Grozny", read one of the protest banners.

A strand of this school of pacifism is that the 50-year-old tragedy equips the Dresdeners in a special way to protest against killing of civilians everywhere. In other words, Dresden is not a German specific, but part of the universal catastrophe of war. That view is more or less acceptable to the German authorities, but it left President Herzog having to square the circle yesterday.

Despite the longing of some of the Dresdeners and their sympathisers, Germany cannot withdraw from military alliances or even future military action abroad. General Klaus Naumann, chief of staff of the Bundeswehr, also uniformed in Dresden, told General John Shalikashvili, US Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, yesterday that Bonn was prepared to supply 1,000 military hospital staff and a contingent of Tornado jets in the case of a United Nations withdrawal from Bosnia.

Of course, Sir Peter Inge's brief visit in uniform will not prompt a revolution. But it has brought some thoughts. "It is no longer in us to say we are against war because something bad was done to us," an elderly man said. "No war is the same: the last one began in 1933 when Hitler came to power and we have to ask ourselves why we let him. Where does German responsibility end, and British responsibility begin?"

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Court charges 21 Serbs with war crimes

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SERBS who ran the prison camp in Bosnia-Herzegovina from where images of skeletal inmates were broadcast around the world on television at the height of "ethnic cleansing" in 1992, were yesterday charged with crimes against humanity by the former Yugoslav war crimes tribunal in The Hague.

However, only one of the 21 suspects is in custody and can be tried. Dusan Tadic, who is accused of killing and raping civilians inside and outside the Omarksa camp in northwestern Bosnia, is being held in Germany. A law clearing the way for his extradition is expected to pass the Bonn parliament next month.

The Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, which is not allowed to hold trials in absentia, is not sure where the other 20 accused are. These include one charged with Mr Tadic and Zeljko Meakic, the commander of the Omarska camp, and the only suspect to be charged with genocide. The court documents alleged his complicity in actions aimed at bringing about the destruction of Bosnian Muslims and Croats as people. Mr Meakic is charged with 18 other camp officials with crimes against humanity, violations of the law or customs of war and breaches of the Geneva Convention.

According to the tribunal, Omarska opened in May 1992, after intense bombing of Muslim regions which forced inhabitants to flee their homes. Most of the inmates were Muslim men.

United Nations aid officials said yesterday that Muslim civilians are starving under a food blockade in the Bihac enclave of northwest Bosnia where peacekeepers have monitored the worst violations of a six-week ceasefire. The enclave is under attack by Serbs and Muslim rebels opposed to the Bosnian Government.

Prague taxi drivers adopt shock tactics

FROM REUTER IN PRAGUE

UNWITTING foreign tourists who refuse to pay the exorbitant fares charged by Prague's unscrupulous taxi drivers may be in for a shock.

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Prague, with its medieval architecture, has become eastern Europe's biggest tourist attraction since the collapse of communism in 1989. The city's taxi drivers, who have earned a reputation as the most crooked in the world, prey on foreign visitors, few of whom speak Czech. The number of taxi drivers in Prague has tripled since 1989.

Last year, the Mayor's office carried out a "sting operation" against cheating taxi drivers, getting foreign residents to pose as tourists with no knowledge of the language. Every driver they tested was found guilty of overcharging between four and ten times the legal fare: each was fined 20,000 crowns (£465). The department plans to repeat the operation later this year.

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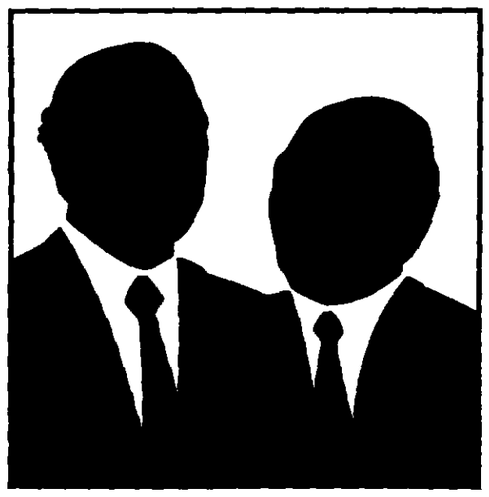
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Clinton is urged to veto Gingrich Bill as risk to security

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE House of Representatives is expected to approve a Republican Bill this week that the Clinton Administration says would hobble the President's conduct of American foreign policy, end UN peacekeeping operations and foster instability in Europe.

Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, and William Perry, the Defence Secretary, issued a warning yesterday that the National Security Revitalisation Act, the foreign policy component of Newt Gingrich's *Contract with America*, posed such a threat to America's security that they would urge President Clinton to veto it.

"What is at stake is fundamental: the authority of our President to protect the national security and to use every effective option to advance the interests of the United States," the two men declared in a joint *New York Times* article.

The legislation, which must also be approved by the Senate, reflects America's disenchantment with the UN after botched operations in Somalia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and elsewhere. It would make it harder for American troops to serve under UN command and cut America's basic contribution to UN peacekeeping costs from roughly a third to a quarter. From that basic contribution it would further deduct the costs of America's participation in UN operations unless — as in the Gulf War — Washington would have mounted the operations anyway out of national self-interest.

Benjamin Gilman, Republican chairman of the House international operations committee, said the bill was designed merely to prevent the Administration "rushing headlong" into further UN peacekeeping operations without first thinking through the implications. Mr Christopher and Mr Perry argued the Bill would "cancel our entire peacekeeping payment". Other allies would follow suit and UN peacekeeping would end. "It would leave the President with an unacceptable option whenever an emergency arose: act alone or do nothing."

The Bill stipulates that Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia should be admitted to Nato "in the near future", provided they remain free-market democracies. Mr Perry and Mr Christopher argued that this would foster complacency in those states and discourage reformers in other former Warsaw Pact nations. The result "could be instability in the very region whose security we seek to bolster".

The Bill would also revive in more modest form President Reagan's "Star Wars" initiative, the programme that consumed $36 billion (£23 billion) in 12 years before the Clinton Administration killed it in 1993.

☐ **Warsaw:** Malcolm Rifkind, on his first trip to Poland as Defence Secretary, said Russia posed a challenge to European security but the key to the future must remain a policy of co-operation.



Gingrich: criticised for putting security at stake



O. J. Simpson, accompanied by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputy, points to the front garden of his home in Brentwood as he and jurors toured the sites connected with the murders with which he is charged

Home tour puts O. J. Simpson in subdued mood

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

O. J. SIMPSON emerged subdued after a brief walk through his house, during which he was forbidden to touch anything, although he appeared relaxed and jovial at first, according to reporters assigned to a high-security jury field trip.

Eight months to the day after being led in handcuffs from his front door to a waiting police car, Mr Simpson returned to his Brentwood estate for two hours on Sunday surrounded by a posse of sheriff's deputies.

As jurors toured the nearby scene of the murders of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, Mr Simpson had stayed in an unmarked car but, arriving at his own house, a mock Tudor mansion with a tennis court and swimming pool, he got out and chatted in the sunshine with his lawyers.

"He'd just as soon stay there," F. Lee Bailey, a defence lawyer, said as Mr Simpson was driven back to the Men's Central Jail. The mansion on Rockingham Avenue had been carefully prepared to strike a wholesome note in jurors' minds, with fresh flowers in each room, fires burning in the grates and a bible lying on one table. Judge Lance Ito overruled prosecutors' objections except in the case of a photograph of Mr Simpson's mother on a bedside table. Placed there since the murders, it was removed before the jury tour began.

After three weeks of opening statements and often riveting testimony, the trip gave jurors a chance to get a first-hand look at the now infamous sites linked to the murders. When it was over, both sides were eager to find in the jurors' dispassionate faces any sign that they had been swayed in their favour.

"I think it was very, very good for the jury to be able to see the relationship of each of the locations to each other," Marcia Clark, the Deputy District Attorney, told reporters. Mr Simpson denies the charges.

Timorese tackle terror gangs

FROM REUTER IN JAKARTA

CIVILIANS in East Timor have been fighting mysterious gangs that have terrorised Dili, the capital, rounding up several alleged members and destroying their vehicles, residents said yesterday.

The residents said whole neighbourhoods had joined forces to tackle the squads, which they believe have been hired by Indonesian forces to subdue fresh unrest in the troubled territory. "The local people are fighting back. They are beginning to get organised," one resident said.

Major Laedan Simbolon, an army spokesman, has denied any military links with the so-called Ninja groups. He said they are East Timorese who oppose Indonesia's 1976 annexation of the former Portuguese colony, a year after its invasion of the tiny territory.

At least four Western embassies have expressed concern this month over recent incidents, including the killing of six Timorese by Indonesian forces. During the weekend, Indonesia cast doubts on its earlier claim that the six victims were guerrillas, saying that the soldiers involved in the incident west of the capital might have violated established procedures and may face a court martial.

An official team is in Dili to investigate the incident. Exiles and residents say that the six victims were civilians who were killed in cold blood.

After months of relative restraint, the situation in Timor has deteriorated in recent weeks, with dozens of citizens reported to have been attacked or detained in the raids.

Despite visits by diplomats from several Western embassies, residents say the Ninja gangs have continued to stalk the streets, apparently searching for dissidents. "The strategy is a kind of shock therapy, making us be quiet or be afraid," said one resident, adding that 29 people were now believed to have been abducted.

Broadway producers prepare for drama

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A GRIPPING real-life drama is unfolding on Broadway which could end with America's most famous theatres going dark this summer.

Fears of a strike are growing as leading producers prepare to challenge outdated work rules imposed by trade unions. Rents and labour costs have been rising on Broadway for years, pushing up the price of stall seats to $70 (£45) each.

Producers complain that they are forced to pay musicians who never play and hire "curtain-men" for theatres that have no curtain.



Lloyd Webber: ready to take on stagehands

Theatre-owners have previously given in to union demands and there has been no work stoppage since 1973. But the high costs of staging a show have pushed even the legendary Neil Simon off Broadway. It is now dominated by a handful of younger impresarios with deep enough pockets to be able to take on the unions.

The principal protagonists are Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer-producer of hits such as *Cats* and *Phantom of the Opera*, and Cameron Mackintosh, who is putting on *Miss Saigon*. These producers are expected to force a showdown with the unions when the stagehands' contract ends in July.

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Mexico's mood of rebellion spreads to voters

BY DAVID ADAMS

AS MEXICAN police and soldiers try to crush a 13-month-old peasant uprising in Chiapas, the Government yesterday faced a rebellion of a different kind in the central state of Jalisco, where voters turned out in force against the ruling party of President Zedillo.

The opposition National Action Party claimed a convincing victory in the election for Governor, ending more than 60 years of dominance by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party.

Hundreds of opposition supporters celebrated in the streets of Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta, honking horns and singing along to the mariachi



music that is native to Jalisco. Exit polls showed the opposition leading with 54 per cent and the ruling party in second place with 37 per cent. "Finally the people lost their fear of change," Alberto Cardenas, 36, an opposition candidate for Governor, said.

The vote appeared to mark the ruling party's worst defeat in history, and only the fourth time it has lost a governorship. With three more elections to come, the opposition is hoping that Jalisco will be the first of many victories.

Señor Zedillo has been trying to regain politicial credibility by announcing democratic reforms to clean up the justice system. But nothing would enhance his credibility as a reformer more than accepting defeat in Jalisco.

Boesak withdrawal from UN post eases President's embarrassment

Wife stops short of full apology to Mandela

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE MANDELA yesterday wrote to the South African President, her estranged husband, defending her criticism of the post-apartheid Government, saying that she had never intended to insult him or his administration.

A second embarrassment for President Mandela was partially settled when Allan Boesak withdrew from his appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations. Dr Boesak has been accused of "enriching himself substantially" at the expense of victims of apartheid who were the intended recipients of aid from four Scandinavian donor organisations.

Mrs Mandela was warned last week that she must apologise or resign as Deputy Minister for Arts, Culture, Science and Technology for declaring at the Soweto funeral of a police officer shot by his white colleagues that the Government had betrayed the black masses. She did neither, but in a carefully worded letter wrote: "The impression of the people is that [the Government and the African National Congress] neither care nor know about [their problems] ... I was trying to correct that perception. If in doing so I created a different impression, that was not my intention."

She concluded: "I have always been an honest and forthright member of the ANC. I have tried to be equally faithful to the Government, and I mean to remain so."

Eleven members of the ANC Women's League executive have resigned over Mrs Mandela's "dictatorial conduct" as the organisation's president. Mr Mandela failed to persuade the 11 to withdraw their resignations at an unscheduled meeting on Sunday, and they made clear that they would be satisfied only with the election of a new executive.

Dr Boesak, whose decision to withdraw as UN Ambassador was accepted by the President, said that his decision to step down was not "in admission of guilt, but to allow the [investigation] process to be completed unhindered". He added: "I have nothing to fear."

☐ **Bombing trial:** Twenty six members of the neo-Nazi Afrikaner Resistance Movement yesterday pleaded not guilty to charges including murder and attempted murder at the start of their trial over a series of bombings last April that killed 21 people and wounded more than 200. *(AP)*



Winnie Mandela has been embroiled in many disputes; the latest one has deeply upset her estranged husband

South Africa feels for its ageing leader in his distress

BY R.W. JOHNSON

WHEN Winnie Mandela was first named as Deputy Minister for Arts and Culture, one journalist politely queried the appointment. Well, President Mandela said, you have to remember that she played an important role in the early days of the struggle.

That not only summed up the President's attitude to government appointments as being more to do with past service than with present aptitude but also reflected the South African political trait of looking after one's own, whatever their misdemeanours. Thus Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and F.W. de Klerk have both shown a marked reluctance to dismiss subordinates and colleagues accused (or even convicted) of serious wrongdoing. The only crime that really counts is disloyalty to the party.

Such criteria are only too visible in the latest dispute over Mrs Mandela. In the past few months she has been sued for non-payment for air tickets for a dubious-sounding trip to Angola to pick up diamonds, and is alleged to have been involved in the seizure of furniture and equipment from the Congress of Traditional Leaders. Similarly, Mrs Mandela has used her position to emerge as co-sponsor of a commercial tourist venture with Omar Sharif, the film star, and has become involved in a dispute over the visit of the Rolling Stones, criticising their arrangements as racist because they are employing a white promoter.

Yet the reason why Mrs Mandela is in trouble now is nothing to do with any of this, but for the intra-party sins of having fallen out with the executive of the ANC Women's League and for having made a speech critical of the Government. Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, has apparently delivered a resign-or-apologise ultimatum to her on behalf of a desperately distressed President Mandela. Everything — including her explanation in a letter to her estranged husband yesterday — suggests that this is a doomed strategy.

The fact is that Mrs Mandela suffered dreadfully as a child as she watched her mother hounded to an early grave by a vindictive mother-in-law. Many believe that this upbringing has left her psychologically prone to sudden and imperious changes of mood.

Further, President Mandela feels he would lose face by acknowledging his wife's errant ways. Most of the country silently acknowledged the truth of those ways some time ago, however, and feel nothing but sympathy for their ageing leader in his agony of distress.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Algerian theatre director killed

Tunis: The head of Algeria's national theatre was shot dead outside the theatre in the centre of Algiers. Azzedine Medjoubi was the second leading theatrical figure to be killed in less than a year.

Four members of the Armed Islamic Group have been arrested in connection with the killing of Said Mekbel, the editor of Algeria's *Le Matin*. The four men were shown on television admitting being involved in the murder. *(Reuter)*

Inside job

New York: Scotland Yard officers have decided that the theft of £2.5 million in cash from a cabinet in the United Nations compound in Mogadishu last April was done with the help of an "inside agent".

Strikers die

Dhaka: Three people were killed when police opened fire on striking Bangladeshi textile workers who attacked their station at Ghorasal, 20 miles east of here, with bombs and stones. *(AP)*

Taxi murder

Jerusalem: Israeli police are investigating if Arab terrorists were behind the murder of a Jewish taxi driver found stabbed in his vehicle on the way to the West Bank Jewish settlement of Maale Adumin.

Meningitis toll

Lagos: An outbreak of meningitis in two villages in the Ogoja region of southeastern Nigeria has killed 258 people, the state-owned News Agency of Nigeria said. *(Reuter)*

Rail contract

Paris: Bouygues, the French construction group, announced the signing of a £300 million contract to construct an underground railway in Sydney. *(AP)*

Fatal jealousy

Medan, Indonesia: An Indonesian man, 100, who believed his wife, 75, was having an affair cut her throat near here after she refused to have sexual intercourse with him. *(AP)*

Peru 'shoots down two Ecuador jets'

Lima: President Fujimori of Peru said that Peruvian anti-aircraft fire had shot down two Ecuadorean warplanes and troops had begun an assault on a key Ecuadorean outpost in a disputed border area in the Amazon.

The Peruvian President said in a television interview late on Sunday that troops used surface-to-air missiles to shoot down an A37 ground-attack plane and an Israeli-built fighter supporting Ecuadoran forces in the upper Cenepa valley. He also said the army began to attack the Tiwinza post, which Peru claims is the last Ecuadorean stronghold on Peruvian soil. "They are on the attack now," Mr Fujimori said. "They are in close combat ... We have evacuated ten wounded. There are no dead. We will have ejected them within the next several days." In Quito, Ecuador's armed forces confirmed that one warplane had been hit by Peruvian anti-aircraft fire over Cueva de los Tayos, but said it had returned safely to base. Mr Fujimori insisted that Peruvian anti-aircraft fire brought down two planes. The dispute is over a mountainous valley along an unmarked 48-mile stretch of the 1,060-mile border set by a treaty in 1942. *(Reuter)*

India takes St Valentine to heart

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

ONE of the more banal manifestations of upper-class India's disdain for tradition is its adoption of St Valentine's Day. This has produced lusty advertisements in the personal columns of newspapers from "Hot Hindu" and "Masala Man" and a booming industry in gooey greetings cards that go against the cultural grain.

Shops are boasting 175 varieties of card this year, ranging from the sickly sentimental and plain affectionate to the vulgar. Hundreds of thousands of flower sellers in the big cities have stocked up, aware that a profitable custom is sweeping the land.

The blame for this intrusion lies with foreign satellite television, which arrived in full force a few years ago after a timid and initially illegal launch in 1991-92. Since then, St Valentine's Day has been plugged enthusiastically over the airwaves. Every expensive hotel in the country is pandering to St Valentine's Day with discotheques, smoochy dance evenings and candle-lit dinners and newspapers are telling their readers about the "legend of St Valentine".

Times FM, Delhi's first pop music station, is connecting the city's lonely men and women with friends and lovers overseas via telephone links. Programmes are being aired for the young to bare their hearts to a mesmerised city. Boys are heard to pine, girls to sob: a far cry from a few years ago when decorum in matters of the heart was still de rigueur.

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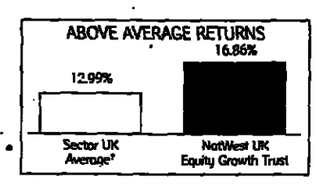
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Rotterdam Phil Orch, cond Claus Peter Flor; soloist Lynn Harrell; Beethoven, Elgar, Shostakovich. April 4: £19.50, £25, £29.

Royal Liverpool Phil Orch, cond Libor Pesek; soloist Dagmar Peckova: Mozart, Overture Marriage of Figaro and arias; Smetena. April 8; £19.50, £25, £29.

City of Birmingham Symph Orch, cond Valery Gergiev; soloist Alexander Toradze: Berlioz, Liadov Kikimora, Prokofiev. April 19; £18, £22.50, £28.50.

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Royal Phil Orch, cond Marek Janowski; soloist Radu Lupu; Weber, Beethoven, Schumann. Mar 29; £7-£17.50.

Bournemouth Sinfonietta, cond and pianist Stephen Kovacevich; Wagner, Mozart, Brahms. April 12; £6-£15.

Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond *Antonio* de Almeida; soloist Ofra Harnoy; Prokofiev, Lalo, Rimsky-Korsakov. May 10; £7-£17.50.

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Britten Quartet; Purcell, Beethoven, Rasoumovsky, Dvorak. Mar 24; £6, £8, £10.

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Cond Tadaaki Otaka; soloist Emanuel Ax; Brahms Piano Concerto No 2; Strauss Don Quixote; Feb 25.

Cond Mark Wigglesworth; soloist Lars Vogt; Hadyn, Schubert, Beethoven Piano Concerto No 2; Mozart. Mar 10.

With BBC Welsh Chorus, cond Richard Hickox; soloists Lynne Dawson, Jean Rigby, John Ainsley; Beethoven, Britten. April 1.

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CARLISLE

The Sands Centre (01228 25222) *
Warsaw Phil Orch, cond *Kazimierz Kord*; soloist Yonty Solomon; Mahler, Chopin, Prokofiev. Mar 11: £14.50, £16, £17.



Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Donal Bannister

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English Spring Orch, cond William Boughton; soloist David Campbell; Mozart, Bridge, Copland, Berg, Britten. Mar 23; £9.50, £13.50.

COVENTRY

Warwick Arts Centre (012 03 524524) *
Philharmonia, cond Christoph von Dohnanyi; Brahms. Feb 18; £14.75, £18.25, £21.50.

CBSO, cond Simon Rattle; soloist Felicity Lott; Copland, Richard Strauss, Vaughan Williams. Mar 10; £14.75, £18.25, £21.50.

CRAWLEY

The Hawth (01293 553636) *
Royal Phil Orch, cond Stefan Sanderling; Beethoven Egmont Overture, Violin Concerto, Symph No 2. Mar 19; £12.50, £14.50.

Academy of St Martin in the Fields, cond Kenneth Sillito; soloist Allison Eldredge; Mozart, Haydn, Boccherini, Mozart. April 29; £11, £12.50.

DARLINGTON

Civic Theatre (01325 486555) *
Manchester Camerata: Handel, Bach, Vivaldi.
Mar 26; £12.50.

Northern Sinfonia, cond and soloist Heinrich Schiff; soloist Lars Vogt; Tchaikovsky, Mendelssohn, Beethoven.
April 30; £12.50.

Northern Sinfonia, cond Joseph Swenson; soloist Imogen Cooper; Mozart, Schumann, Schubert.
May 28; £12.50.

EDINBURGH

***Usher Hall** (0131 228 1155) **
Royal Scottish Nat Orch (RSNO), cond Vernon Handley; soloists Joaquin Achucarro, John Connell and *the RSNO Chorus; Tippett*, Falla, Walton. Feb 24.

RSNO, cond Peter Eros; soloist Stephen Hough; Haydn, Bartok, Shostakovich. Mar 10.

RSNO and Chorus, cond Gary Bertini; RSNO Chorus; Stravinsky, Ravel. Mar 17.

RSNO, cond Walter Weller; soloist Anne Murray; Elgar, Berlioz, Respighi. Mar 24. All events: £6-£19.

Festival Theatre (031 529 6000) *
BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, cond Pinchas Steinberg; soloist Wolfgang Holmair; Beethoven, Nicolai, Mahler, Wolf. Feb 19: £14.50-£22.50.

Cond Mark Elder; soloists Eva Randova, Stig Anderson; Johann Strauss Jr, Beethoven Symph No 8, Mahler Lied von der Erde. Mar 19; £14.50-£22.50.

Warsaw State Phil Orch, cond Kazimierz Kord; soloist Yonty Solomon; Mahler.

Chopin, Prokofiev. Mar 12; £14.50-£17.50.

Stuttgart Phil Orch, cond Carlos Kalmer; soloist Barbara Bonney; Mozart, Mahler Symph No 6. Mar 26; £14.50-£16.50.

GLASGOW

Royal Concert Hall (0141 227 5511) *
Royal Scottish Nat Orch (RSNO), cond Vernon Handley; soloists Joaquin Achucarro, John Connell and RSNO chorus; Tippett, Falla, Walton. Feb 25; £6-£19.

Orchestra of Scottish Opera, cond Martin Merry; soloists Sidwell Hartman, Mark Holland, Nicola Ferner-Waite; *Grand Opera Gala*.
Mar 4; £5.50-£18.50.

RSNO, cond Martin Yates; soloists John Barrowman, Ethan Freeman, Shona Lindsay and Ria Jones; Gala evening. Mar 5; £8.50-£15.

Maria Ewing acc Roger Vignoles; Schubert, Strauss and Debussy. Mar 7; £15-£30.

RSNO, cond Walter Weller, soloist Anne Murray; Elgar, Berlioz, Respighi. Mar 25; £6-£19.

Stuttgart Phil Orch, cond Carlos Kalmar; soloist Mikhail Rudy; Dvorak, Ravel, Sibelius. Mar 28; £10.50-£21.

***Theatre Royal** (0141 332 9000)*
Dawn Upshaw acc Charles Spencer; Debussy, Copland, Crawford Seeger, Berg. Feb 21; £8.

HALIFAX

Victoria Theatre (01422 351158) *
Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond Richard Hickox; soloist Tasmin Little; Britten Young Person's Guide, Bruch Violin Concert No 1, Dvorak New World. Mar 4; £6, £8.50.

Stuttgart Phil Orch, cond Carlos Kalmar; soloist Claire Daniels; Rossini, Mozart, Mahler Symph No 4 in G.
April 1; £6, £8.50.

BBC Phil Orch, cond Jan Pascal Tortelier; soloist Jean-Yves Thibaudet; Dvorak, Beethoven Piano Concerto No 2 in B Flat Op 19, Sibelius.
April 29; £6, £8.50.

HUDDERSFIELD

Town Hall (01484 43 08 08)
Northern Ballet Theatre Concert Orch, cond John Pryce-Jones; soloist Martin Roscoe; Rossini, Grieg, Massenet, Delibes, Chabrier. Mar 2: £6-£15.

IPSWICH

Regent Theatre (01473 281480) *
Warsaw Phil, cond Kazimierz Kord; soloist Yonti Solomon; Stravinsky Firebird, Chopin, Beethoven Symph No 5. Mar 3; £12.

Budapest Symph Orch, cond Tama Vasary; soloist Liona Prunyi; Britten, Beethoven, Brahms. May 16; £12.

LEEDS

Town Hall (0113 241 6902/245 5505)
Novosibirsk Phil Orch, cond Arnold Katz; soloist Anatoli Safiulin; Prokofiev, Rachmaninov, Tchaikovsky.
Feb 18; £6.50-£15.50.

LEICESTER

De Montfort Hall (0116 233 3111) *
Novosibirsk Phil Orch, cond Arnold Katz; soloist Paul Crossley; Strauss Death & Transfiguration, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov. Feb 17; £4-£12.

Warsaw Phil Orch, cond Kazimierz Kord; soloist Yonty Solomon; Szymanowski, Chopin, Beethoven. Mar 8; £4-£12.

European Community Chamber Orch, cond Eivind Aadland; soloist Barry Tuckwell; Haydn, Mozart, Wolf. Mar 26; £4-£12.

Royal Phil Orch, cond Jane Glover; soloist Christine Brewer; Schoenberg Verklaerte Nacht, Strauss, Mozart Symph No 41 Jupiter.
April 11; £4-£12.

LINCOLN

Lincoln Cathedral (01522 523000)
East of England Orch with Cathedral Choir; Vivaldi, Rutter, Schubert. May 5; £6.50-£11.50.

LIVERPOOL

Anglican Cathedral (0151 709 3789)
Royal Liverpool Phil, cond Carlo Rizzi; soloist Marco Rizzi; Respighi Concerto Gregoriano, Schumann. Mar 8.

Cond Mark Elder; Beethoven Symph No 5, Wagner, Messiaen L'Ascension. Mar 11.

Cond James Judd; soloist Isabelle van Keulen; Glass Violin Concerto, Brahms.
Mar 29.

All events: £7, £10, £13.

LONDON

Royal Festival Hall (0171 928 8800) *
The London Philharmonic, cond Zubin Mehta; soloist Bryn Terfel; Wagner, Mahler, Webern. Feb 26; £13-£30.

The London Philharmonic, cond Franz Welser-Most; soloist Jeanne Christee; Shostakovich Violin Concerto No 1.
Mar 5; £13-£30.

LUTON

St Mary's Parish Church (01582 21628)
English Sinfonia, cond Philip Ellis; soloist John Wallace; Bach, Copland, Warlock, Boccherini. April 22; £6, £8, £9.

MANCHESTER

Free Trade Hall (0161 834 1712) *
BBC Phil, cond Vassily Sinaisky; soloists Sophia Larson, Poul Elming and Artur Korn; Night of Wagner.
Feb 18; £3-£16.

Hallé Orch, cond John Currie; soloists Jennifer Bern, Jamie MacDougall, Robert Hayward; Haydn's Creation.
Feb 19; £3-£19.50.

Hallé Orch, cond Ole Schmidt; soloist Franco Gulli; *Gilbert, Beethoven Violin* Concerto. Feb 23; £3-£19.50.

Manchester Camerata, cond Guido Johannes Rumstadt; soloist Dame Moura Lympany; Beethoven, Mozart Piano Concerto No 21, Prokofiev. Mar 4; £5.50-£15.50.

Hallé Orch, cond Kent Nagano; soloists Paul Silverthorne, Yingbin Xie, Janet Simpson; Brahms, Berlioz Harold in Italy. Mar 5; £3-£19.50.

Hallé Orch, cond Kent Nagano; soloist Yefim Bronfman; Elgar, Bartok Piano Concerto No 2, *Vaughan Williams*. Mar 9; £3-£19.50.

Manchester Camerata, cond Nicholas Kraemer; soloist: Michala Petri; Handel, Sammartini, Corelli, Vivaldi and Telemann.
April 1; £5.50-£15.50.

City of London Sinfonia, cond Andrew Watkinson; Mozart, Pachelbel, Tchaikovsky Serenade for Strings, Vivaldi Four Seasons. April 22; £5.50-£15.50.

Manchester Camerata, cond Stuart Beer; Verdi Requiem. May 20; £5.50-£15.50.

MOLD

Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114)
John Mills, guitar. Feb 28; £5.

Cajun Boat Band. Mar 7; £4.

NEWCASTLE

City Hall (0800 591996) *
Northern Sinfonia, cond and pianist Alexei Lubimov; Mozart Piano Concertos E flat and C minor. Feb 22.

Cond Ronald Zollman; soloist Peter Francomb; Mendelssohn, Strauss, Berlioz and Cashian; Mar 5.

Cond Ton Koopman; soloist Douglas Boyd; Avison, Bach, Handel, Mozart, Haydn; Mar 14.

With Sinfonia Chorus, cond Richard Hickox; soloists Lynne Dawson, Ingrid Atroit, Linda Finnie, Karl Morgan Daymond and Philip Dukes; Vaughan Williams, Britten; Mar 22.

All events: £3.50-£16.

NORTHAMPTON

Derngate (01604 24811) *
Novosibirsk Phil Orch, cond *Arnold Katz; soloist Paul* Crossley; Prokofiev, Rachmaninov. Feb 19; £6-£20.

Warsaw Phil Orch, cond Kazimierz Kord; soloist Yonty Soloman; Mahler, Chopin, Beethoven. Mar 5; £6-£20.

Cologne Radio Symph Orch, cond Hans Vonk; soloist Lars Vogt; Zimmerman, Beethoven, Bruckner. Mar 19; £6-£20.

Budapest Symph Orch, cond Tamas Vasary; soloist Ilona Prunyi; Britten, Kodaly, Bizet. May 10; £6-£20.

City of Birmingham Symph Orch, cond Yuri Simonov; soloist Tasmin Little; *Reznicek, Brahms, Shostakovich*. May 19; £6-£20.

London Mozart Players, cond Matthias Bamert; soloist Ruth McGinley; Mozart, Beethoven Piano Concerto No 3, Mendelssohn. May 28; £6-£20.

NOTTINGHAM



Libor Pesek, Royal Liverpool Philharmonic conductor

Royal Concert Hall (0115 948 2626) *
City of Birmingham Symph Orch, cond Valery Gergiev; soloist Alexander Toradzec; Berlioz, Prokofiev, Piano Concerto No 5, Liadov Kikimura.
April 20; £8.50-£16.

Royal Phil Orch, cond Andrew Litton; soloist Jon Kimura Parker; Harris, Barber, Copland, Bernstein. June 8; £8.50-£16.

Albion Leisure Centre, Ilkeston (0115 946 1321, ext 660)
East of England Orch, directed by Briony Shaw; soloists Briony Shaw and Nic Fallowfield; Bach, Rutter, Grieg. Mar 25; £5.

West Park Leisure Centre, Long Eaton (0115 946 1321, ext 660)
East of England Orch Chamber Ensemble; Mozart, Schubert. Feb 18; £4.

POOLE

Arts Centre (01202 685222) *
Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond Mikhail Pletnev; Elgar, Tchaikovsky. Feb 15; £6-£16.50.

Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond Richard Hickox; with Chilingirian Trio. Mozart, Lucia, Tippett, Beethoven. Feb 22; £6-£16.50.

Bournemouth Sinfonietta; conductor and soloist Maurice Bourgue; Ravel, Mozart, Hummel, Haydn. Mar 1; £6-£16.50.

Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond and soloist Kevin *Field/Nicolae Moldoveanu*; Stravinsky, Beethoven. Mar 8; £6-£16.50.

Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond and soloist Andrew Litton; Ravel, Shostakovich. Mar 22; £6-£16.50.

Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond Kees Bakles; soloist Nicola Hall; Vaughan Williams, Rodrigo, de Falla.
Mar 29; £6-£16.50.

RICKMANSWORTH

Watersmeet Centre (01923 771542)
English Sinfonia, cond John Farrer; soloist Jack Brymer; Schubert, Handel, Haydn.
Mar 5; £9.50, £12.50.

SNAPE

Maltings Concert Hall (01728 453543) *
Le Concert Spirituel, cond Hervé Niquet.
April 15; £8, £10, £12, £14.
Fretwork; Consort of Viols.
April 17; £7, £8.50, £10, £11.50.

SOUTHAMPTON

North Guild Civic Centre (01703 632611)
Bournemouth Symph Orch, cond Mikhail Pletnev; Elgar, Tchaikovsky Pathétique Symph. Feb 17; £6-£14.
Bournemouth Sinfonietta, cond and soloist Maurice Bourgue; Ravel, Mozart, *Hummel, Haydn. Mar 3*; £6-£14.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA

Cliffs Pavilion (01702 351135) *
English Chamber Orch, directed by Paul Barritt; Holst, Mozart, Handel, Grieg. Mar 11; £6-£12.

Stuttgart Phil Orch, cond Carlos Kalmar; soloist Claire Daniels; Mendelssohn, Mahler. April 2; £6-£16.

New Queens Hall Orch, cond Barry Wordsworth; Vaughan Williams. April 26; £6-£12.

Royal Phil Orch, cond Owain Arwell Hughes; soloist Jonathan Carney; Mendelssohn, Sibelius, Brahms.
May 11; £6-£14.

WORTHING

Pavilion (01903 820500)
Worthing Symph, cond Jan Cervenka; soloist Jenny Spanoghe; Khachaturian, Beethoven. Mar 5.

Soloist Martin Tirimo; Schubert Symph no 5; Beethoven Concerto No 2 and No 3; Mar 24.

Soloist Leland Chen; Elgar, Haydn. April 9.

Soloist Vanessa Latarche; Barber, Chopin, Schuman.
April 23.

Soloist Matthew Barley; Tchaikovsky. May 7.

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The Royal Navy is to relax its rules on eyesight and allow those on the bridge to use contact lenses or glasses, says **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

Sailors who need help to see the signal

THE LOSS of an eye did not inhibit Nelson's career in the Royal Navy, but by the standards of fitness that have prevailed for nearly two centuries, the eyesight of those who keep watch on the bridges of warships has had to be faultless.

The Navy has recently become concerned that no sooner does it train officers to the point where, aged about 35 or 40, they are ready to be a commander on a state-of-the-art warship than the doctors reject them on the ground of poor vision. So the Navy has decided to relax its time-honoured rules.

Bottle-thick spectacles will not be allowed, but contact lenses and glasses strong enough to compensate for a modest loss of sight will be. However, contact lenses will not be acceptable for air crew or submariners, and cannot be worn under gas masks.

The disappointing news, for those operating the excimer laser centres which have been opening recently is that the Navy has let it be known that if any officers attend for laser treatment to correct myopia (short sight), it "is unlikely to help their career".

Mr John Grindle, the ophthalmic surgeon who runs the New Image laser centre in the City of London, says: "The decision of the British Navy is remarkable. In the Australian Navy photorefractive keratectomy, laser treatment, is allowed. In the American Marines it is even acceptable in their marine special forces unit."



The shape of the eye determines how well the light rays are focused on the retina and hence how good a person's sight is. If the eye is longer than usual, or the cornea (the window of the eye) is too curved, instead of being focused on the retina the rays of light will converge to a point just in front of it, so that the patient is short-sighted. When looking at a distant object — in former times possibly a sail or smoke on the horizon — a short-sighted watch-keeper would either not see it at all, or detail would be blurred.

The Russians tried radial keratotomy to try to correct a too curvaceous cornea through surgery. In this operation radial cuts were made across the eye so that the curvature of the cornea was altered. If the cuts were too shallow the eyesight was little improved; if too deep, the eyeball could burst.

More recently American ophthalmologists, exploiting a British invention, have utilised laser therapy to shave a predetermined layer off the front of the cornea. This subtly alters its shape so that the light rays converge on the retina, and distance vision is sharpened.

Mr Grindle says that caution is the name of the game in laser therapy. He adds that criticism has arisen when results have been disappointing, usually because of faulty selection of patients.

Mr Grindle would have rejected Nelson, for instance: any loss of vision in one eye, other than from short sight, is an excluding factor. Patients with collagen diseases including rheumatoid arthritis and lupus are not suitable, nor are those who are diabetic or who have any retinal disease. Patients with severe short sight are not accepted, but the degree of severity allowed depends on the laser machine available.

One eye at a time is treated, under local anaesthetic. There is some discomfort for the first 24 hours, and television and reading are barred. Vision improves over the next three months, when a decision is made as to the optimum time for treating the second eye.

Whose notes are they anyway?

Do patients want to know what their doctor has written about them?

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh investigates

On November 1, 1991, patients became legally entitled to see their written medical casenotes under the Access to Health Records Act (1990).

Computer-held medical information, in common with personal data held on computer for any other purpose, has been available to patients for more than ten years under the Data Protection Act (1984). To my surprise, none of my patients has ever availed themselves of the right to browse through their casenotes or look over my shoulder at the computer screen during a consultation. I recently asked some of them why not.

"Good grief, doctor, your notes are none of my business," said one woman, as if I had offered her a peek at my personal diary. In fact, although I refer to Mrs Smith's NHS medical record as *her* notes and she refers to the same record as *my* notes, they are written on government stationery and are, strictly speaking, the property of the Secretary of State. But even if Mrs Smith were a private patient, she would have exactly the same right of access to her medical record as she would to a set of NHS casenotes. Conversely, NHS doctors who routinely keep a second set of "private" notes on potentially litigious patients are wasting their time.

Another patient said to me: "For one thing, I can't read your writing, and for another, I wouldn't understand the terminology." Doctors are, in fact, legally obliged to decipher illegible prose and offer a reasonable explanation of medical jargon. In theory, the doctor could invoke the "therapeutic privilege" clause and withhold information which might be detrimental to the patient's health. In practice, a refusal is likely to generate more worry than the content.

These days, GPs tend to write "sore throat" rather than "pharyngitis" and "period pains" rather than "dysmenorrhoea", but abbreviations such as UTI (urinary tract infection), DNR (do not resuscitate) or VMI (very much improved) remain ubiquitous. Some are ambiguous — for example, PID (pelvic inflammatory disease or prolapsed intevertebral disc) or NAD (nothing abnormal detected or not actually done).

A further source of confusion is the use of Latin, which ceased to be a requirement for medical school a generation ago and persists in medical circles largely to maintain professional mystique. The expression "review SOS" does not mean that the patient should be seen again urgently, but only *sid opus sit* — if symptoms persist.

> 'Doctors are obliged to decipher illegible prose and jargon'

Many people fear that they might discover "rude comments" in their casenotes. Traditionally doctors' remarks about their patients have ranged from the paternalistic to the frankly pejorative. The term "grossly obese", for example, may not be inaccurate but it is certainly offensive and imprecise.

While most people seem singularly uninterested in their own casenotes, I am often asked to view the medical record of a third party. Parents have no right to see the casenotes of a child over 16 and, more contentiously, they may only see the record of a younger child if the child has consented or, if in the doctor's opinion disclosure would be in the child's best interests. Similar rules apply to spouses, elderly relatives, or friends.

Removing the secrecy surrounding medical casenotes has been rather like taking down a fence to reveal workmen digging a hole in the road. An inquisitive minority have stared to their satisfaction but the majority have neither the time nor the inclination to take a closer look.

● *Dr Greenhalgh is a North London GP.*

Surgery's brave new world



Nigel Hawkes reports on operations by Michael Harrison (above) on the unborn child



Ben Crosland being removed from the womb at 24 weeks: his chest was opened up to expose and excise a tumour, then he was sewn up and replaced

Until recently, the womb was a private place, beyond the reach of the surgeon's knife. The processes that went on there could sometimes go awry, without much prospect of early detection, and no hope at all of cure. The result was a stillbirth, or a child born alive but with congenital abnormalities, sometimes fatal.

A revolution in foetal surgery is now changing all that. Not only can abnormalities be detected early in pregnancy, but increasingly surgeons are developing techniques to put them right. Despite its difficulties, foetal surgery offers advantages that make it very attractive — and throws up dilemmas that will keep ethical committees awake at night.

Consider this. A British plastic surgeon, Anthony Rowsell of Guy's Hospital in London, has developed techniques for growing rat limbs in culture. According to a *Horizon* documentary to be broadcast tonight (BBC2, 9.30pm), he has managed to grow such limbs for three days, equivalent to a month of human gestation.

The method could provide the basis for foetal limb transplants to embryos which for some reason have failed to develop arms or legs of their own. These limbs would have to be supplied from aborted foetuses. "The only source of human foetal organs is the human foetus," says Mr Rowsell. "It would be necessary to harvest the foetal organs at a relatively young gestational age and culture them in an appropriate medium until they were the correct size and maturity to be suitable for transplantation."

Even more extraordinary, a California surgeon, Michael Harrison of the University of California at San Francisco, has shown that animal cells can be transplanted *between* species without rejection if it is done before the immune system has fully developed — about 16 weeks in human beings. The result is a chimera, a creature that carries two types of cells within its body in perfect harmony.

The implications for organ transplantation could be huge. Suppose that a human foetus had been injected at an early stage with cells from the liver of a pig embryo. The baby would, of course, be human, but among its cells, and not recognised as foreign, would be pig cells. This would mean that later, if the human heart, kidney or liver failed, it should be possible to transplant the pig's organ without any problems of rejection.

Foetal surgery has huge attractions for plastic surgeons, because any incisions made early enough in the life of the foetus heal without scarring. Already, as *Horizon* discloses, this has been used by a leading Mexican plastic surgeon, Professor Fernando Ortiz Monasterio, to repair a cleft lip in the womb. The operation was a success — the baby, alas, died several months after being born.

Professor Monasterio does not know the cause of death — no post mortem was conducted — but defends the use of a risky, experimental form of surgery to correct a condition that could have waited until after birth. The mother had told him that if her baby could not be born perfect, she would opt for a termination.



Jill Crosland and Ben: "Not a day goes by that I don't think what a miracle his life is"

Premature labour is one of the major obstacles to foetal surgery. Jill Crosland, an American mother of two healthy children, had her third child operated on in the womb by Mr Harrison when scans showed that it had developed a benign tumour that, if left untouched, would prevent the proper development of the lungs, and kill the baby.

Mr Harrison and his colleague Professor Scott Adzick, who had carried out 1,800 foetal operations on animals before attempting them in human patients, successfully removed the tumour. First the uterus was exposed, then opened up carefully to expose the baby, without damaging the placenta. It was taken from the womb, the lump removed, and then replaced with a warm saline solution to replace lost amniotic fluid to complete its allotted nine months of gestation.

To prevent Mrs Crosland giving birth prematurely she was given powerful drugs, but even so Benjamin made his appearance ten weeks early. He was, however, a fit and healthy baby who is now growing up normally.

"There's not a day goes by that I don't think what a miracle his life is," says Mrs Crosland. But Mr Harrison admits that not every operation has such a happy outcome: less than half the babies survive.

> 'Those who suffered through it won't let us stop'

"It often doesn't work and it's agonising, absolutely agonising, for those families," he admits. "But they won't let you stop. All the committees and all the do-gooders and everybody say, hey, it's too dangerous and you can't do anything more, but those who went through it, those who suffered through it, won't let us stop."

Much more problematical as an ethical issue is the question of foetal limb banks, and cross-species transplantation. For a child to be born without a limb is a tremendous handicap in life, but the idea of preventing this by harvesting spare limbs from abortions, and growing them in culture, is one that generates a shudder. It would be strange, to put it no stronger, to grow up with a limb that was not one's own.

In Stockholm, Dr Magnus Westgren of Huddinge Hospital has already attempted to use cells from aborted foetuses to correct a congenital abnormality of the blood, thalassaemia. From six abortions, he gathered enough cells for a single transplant, separated them carefully, stored them in liquid nitrogen, then inserted them with a needle into the abdomen of a sick foetus.

His hope was that if the cells took, the baby would be born as a chimera, possessing both its own defective cells and normal ones from the transplant. The first attempt failed, but he intends to continue trying at higher doses. "This could be a cure for thalassaemia and metabolic disorders," he says. "It could help many children."

Transplanting animal cells into human foetuses is an even more disturbing prospect. Mr Harrison isn't sure quite how it would work. "If we were going to use pigs, which is what we've started working on, would you need the actual pig — that is, is it to the individual pig that you develop tolerance across species, or is it to 'pigness'?

"Now if we were lucky, and it's to pigness, then you've got it made, everybody who ever wanted to could be set up for a transplant from a pig for any organ wanted after birth. If it's to an individual pig, you can see the logistics get much more complicated."

The ethics are, if anything, even more complicated. "These issues are really too big for individual surgeons to address themselves," says Professor Charles Rodeck of University College and Middlesex School of Medicine in London. "We really do need guidance."

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Romance? No, just sentimentality

I'm too old to be a Valentine

WE ARE all familiar with the moan that children in these modern wicked days are cruelly robbed of their childhood, but I am no less disturbed — and considerably more struck — by the wilful denial of the state of adulthood.

No one, however distinguished, likes to own up to being "grown up", and that's meant to be engaging. We all live now in a permanent feverish adolescence. You could argue that it's a reaction to a truncated childhood: those of us whose years qualify us for dignified adulthood are the first generation of children to be born in an age of mass divorce. And I can't help thinking that having parents who were themselves young in the Sixties is a disadvantage in the growing-up stakes: how can they let their children relish adulthood if they themselves still cling to the vain notion of their perpetual youth?

Whatever the reasons, it's the effect that troubles me. Popular culture is proud to be immature. It's sniggering, prurient and sex-obsessed. And it's everywhere.

Take Valentine's Day: you may have noticed that is no longer just the teen magazines that get themselves worked up over February 14. No one over the age of 23 should even be noticing. It's not for adults. It is a quintessentially adolescent date on the calendar. Adolescence is, among other things, about courtship rituals, about who fancies whom and what a thrill it all is: Valentine's Day is simply a symbol of all this.

What I can't see is why we are supposed to continue with it all once the teasing element has been taken out. When you're young you send cards to people who don't know that you might be interested: thus they serve a purpose.



NIGELLA LAWSON

Quite what the point is of sending a card you sign, and moreover that you send to someone with whom you live and have children, is beyond me. But even I have had to give in: the propaganda is just too much.

What it's about is roe-mance, of course. Look, I've got nothing against people loving one another, but I cannot stand all that sentimentalised stuff. I distrust sentimentality. It's what people who can't muster emotions have. And I distrust all this emphasis on Valentine's Day for the same sort of reason. I think it is just a fancy way of granting an amnesty to inconsiderate husbands. After all, it's much easier to send a bunch of long-stemmed roses once a year than it is to wash up after you the other 364.

Sloppy thinking, Oxford

NEWS that Oxford University is to scrap its entrance exam is particularly depressing, if only because it gives a fresh opportunity for those looking for an excuse — as if there needed to be one — to moan about yet another instance of the creeping political correctness that is apparently eroding our national life.

The fact is, Oxford's wrong to do it, even if the motive is the right one. Wanting to give as wide a selection of the population as possible the chance of a place at Oxford is fine enough. Why should we want it to be otherwise?

But as long as state education means more or less no education then increasing intake from the public sector is going to be difficult. But it is not suspect to want to do so, and it doesn't have to mean that academic standards are no longer cherished. As ever, everyone seems to confuse intelligence with the possession of a well-stocked brain.

A poor education may not help you acquire the second but neither does it prevent your having the first. The question Oxford University should be posing itself is how best to distinguish between the two. And getting rid of the the entrance exam is not the way.

A-level results show what you have learnt, not what kind of a mind you have. The trouble with relying on interviews is that articulacy is not necessarily a measure of intelligence. It is, especially at 18, more a sign of confidence than anything else, and, incidentally, one of the great benefits of a public school education.

The whole point of the Oxford entrance exam was that it was designed to test how you thought rather than to check up on what you knew. Or some of it was. By all means get rid of exams which merely extend the remit of A-level papers, with questions on Schiller's early plays or Molière as a satirist or what have you, but keep the general paper. Why does it have to be all or nothing?

You don't need to know a lot to answer the questions "Is revenge ever justified?" "What makes a good joke?" or "Is this a question?". You just need to be able to think.

Love just within the law

When the age of consent was lowered 25 years ago, Paul and Jennifer Brown were the first to tie the knot. **Tom Rhodes** reports

It has been a long time since Paul and Jennifer Brown last discussed their wedding day, but beneath the surface the memory is always there.

Twenty-five years ago their marriage was a *cause célèbre* when they became the first couple to wed after the age of consent was lowered in Britain. He was a strapping 20-year-old who had just left the Merchant Navy, she a 19-year-old clerical assistant in a firm of lawyers.

As we talk on the eve of St Valentine in the sitting room of their American home at Commack, Long Island, it is as though it were yesterday.

On January 1, 1970, Paul and his future brother-in-law, John Fincher, had borrowed a car and driven from Essex to London to wait on the steps of the Diocesan Registrar in Westminster, the only office in the country which could grant the new marriage licence.

"I remember we were the only people there when the doors opened at 8.30am and the whole thing took a while because the man inside didn't have the proper forms printed and hadn't even heard of the new law," said Paul, who then hurried back to Leigh-on-Sea, supped two pints of beer in the local pub and prepared himself at the altar at St Michael and All Angels to receive his bride.

Jeni, as she likes to be known, interrupted: "We were late starting. The service didn't begin until 3pm, it was snowing outside and I was extremely nervous."

They had met four years previously at a party in Ilford. She was seeing a friend of Paul's at the time and he was always away with the merchant fleet travelling for months at a time to the Gulf and India, Thailand and Japan, America and Venezuela.

While on shore leave two years later, Paul had proposed and the two were engaged. But Paul's parents disapproved. Finally the couple accepted the advice of the parish priest and decided to take advantage of a new law lowering the age at which you could marry without parental consent from 21 to 18.



The Browns on their wedding day, after Paul had returned from his dash to get a certificate

"We opened the door for a lot of people, I guess," says Jeni, a petite brunette and mother of two. "I would not recommend it for everyone. We were broke to start but it was true love. I don't think many others could have reached the same level of maturity that we had when we married."

To show how impoverished they were, Paul told a story about their first landlady, an evangelical who believed they were faithless individuals and so increased the weekly rent by 25p to £7 a week.

Jeni was still earning a paltry sum and Paul had just lost his job in a polythene factory. The increase forced Paul to go before a rent tribunal. He won a four-month reprieve and, weeks later, was offered a lowly position with Plessey, the electrical and defence manufacturing company.

After a period of evening classes and various moves around the country to Weston-super-Mare and to Temple Combe, Paul became the sub-contracts manager for the company's naval systems division. Nearly 14 years ago the firm asked him to consider a move to the United States. "I often ask myself what would have happened had I stayed in Britain," he said, "And I think the answer is that my children would have spent more time with their grandparents but I would not have gained the position that I have managed to do over here."

And indeed his achievements are worthy of the American Dream. At 45, Paul is a rotund vice-president of defence procurement for Siemens, earning thousands of dollars a week. The family has three cars, countless televisions and telephones. He is in the process of buying a new fishing sloop and is spending large sums to put his eldest daughter, Claire, 18, through William and Mary College, the respected Virginian university at Williamsburg.

Their second daughter Lisa, 13, has not shown the academic ability that her parents might have liked, but they are convinced her talent as a dancer combined with an obsession with Hollywood and Broadway will lead to the stage and silver screen.

Both have received green cards and will apply for American citizenship at their earliest opportunity in 1997. Jeni says she is not certain whether they will remain in the United States forever, but Paul is sure they will.

"It's the longest I have stayed anywhere in the world," he said, "I feel settled here and I don't want to go back to England and leave my children 3,000 miles away."

Their detached house in Commack is typically suburban American with well-manicured lawns both at the front and back. The deep pile carpets are not to everyone's taste but there is a sense of comfort which seeps up the stairs to the bedrooms. The Browns are by no means ostentatious but they would like people to know that their humble beginnings have produced something of worth.

Two of the new adults, Paul Brown and Jennifer Fincher, celebrated the arrival of the 'seventies yesterday by getting married.

Paul, a 20-year-old mechanic, and Jennifer, 19-year-old secretary, posed for a picture for the national album—they were





Paul today, and Jeni with Claire, right: "We both wanted the good life for us and our children."

They joke about an impending divorce which will come after Jeni has won her umpteenth trophy in the local bowling league or when Paul has spent too long fishing with his friend Joe. "Over here people row and get divorced," said Jeni. "Lisa thinks that because we have the occasional argument we will do the same. People give up much too early on marriage."

Clearly, there are few regrets in the Brown household. The couple say they have few American friends but are happy to be a self-contained family. "I wish I could have had a formal training, perhaps as a nurse, but then I think we have been very lucky. I suppose we have been fortunate in aiming for the same thing," said Jeni. "We both wanted the good life for us and our children and we have worked very hard for it."

Gone are the days when they would save every penny to buy each other a St Valentine's Day card. Today, Paul will be away on business in New Jersey for two days and Jeni will be spending the evening alone. "I expect he will send me a card before he leaves. We've been doing that since we were teenagers," she said.

The transcendentally meditating Natural Law Party plans an enlarged university. Hoping to see some yogic flying, **Giles Coren** visited its headquarters

Ready for take-off at Mentmore

After three hours waiting, and assuming that the flight had merely been delayed, I dreaded being told that it had been cancelled altogether.

I was at Mentmore Towers, present headquarters of the Maharishi University of Natural Law, and spiritual home of the Natural Law Party, which polled 60,000 votes at the last general election. Its manifesto promised an end to crime, illness and poverty by affecting the nation's transcendental consciousness through "yogic flying".

The announcement last week that the Maharishi Foundation had acquired a former US airbase at Bentworth, Suffolk, where it plans to reestablish its university with accommodation for 4,000 students, has reawakened interest in the cause, and I had arrived for what I hoped would be not only an explanation of the party's educational proposals, but also a show of aerial prowess.

Mentmore looms above the trees from more than a mile away as you approach the grounds of the house. Bought from Lord Rosebery in 1978 for £200,000 (the local pub is still called the Rosebery Arms — with no plan as yet to change it to the Yogi Arms), it is a vast Victorian pile that would do credit to the opening credits of a gothic horror film.

The penumbrous atmosphere continues inside. The building was empty when the foundation acquired it, Rosebery having already sold off all the furniture. Nothing much seems to have been added since then, and building repairs are still going on. I was shown round by the director of external relations, Guy Hatchard, a former parliamentary candidate. There were 40 people living at Mentmore, he told me, all of them single men, mostly engaged on a long-term course of transcendental meditation (TM).

I saw no one. Just empty rooms around a central atrium, largely unfurnished but for pictures of the Maharishi, and one of the Queen and Prince Philip in the main hall. The royal picture, they told me, was to remind visitors that "we are not some band of revolutionaries. We don't want to overthrow society — just make it better."

The way to this improvement is through meditation. If 1 per cent of the population do it simultaneously, then the effect is felt by the whole community — crime rates fall, health improves, prosperity increases. The problem, of course, is that 1 per cent of the community does not do it. Which is where the flying comes in. Through the practice of the "Sidhi" technique the transcendental consciousness is "enlivened" and the meditator is able to take off from the ground. So potent is this practise that only "the square root of 1 per cent of the community" need practice it to arrive at a perceptible improvement.

These are admirable ends, and the fact that the manifesto of the Natural Law Party made absurdly ambitious claims which no one believed hardly sets it apart from the other parties. Nor should the fact that its leader, Dr Geoffrey Clements, talks through an unsettling half-smile be held against him. Tony Blair does it too.

BARRY GREENWOOD



Yogic flyers in preparation for the world championships

But a university? Given that the group is perceived as a cult (wrongly, in fact, for faith is not a requirement, and many of them practise their own religions independently) there could easily be accusations of brainwashing.

In a room surrounded with fake bookshelves and concealed doors I was joined by Dr Hatchard and Dr Clements, as well as David Lines, director of TM, and Nigel Kahn, the press officer, a tweedy, moustachioed man who occasionally broke into the conversation to offer a calm and user-friendly gloss to the enthusiasms of his colleagues.

"The education system isn't working," he explained. "If it was, then the world would be a wonderful place." Can't argue with that. Nor can you dispute Dr Hatchard's assertion that "students often find themselves questioning their motivations, and wondering why they are at university at all. Furthermore, the stress of exams and essay writing leads to hypertension and affects their performance."

The solution to this, of course, is meditation. "All the students will have a 20-minute session, involving yogic flying, every morning," said David Lines. The meditation ties into the Principle of Least Action — whereby maximum accomplishment is attained through minimum effort on the basis of infinite creativity.

In short, transcendental meditation makes the students cleverer, so they can get away with less work. They will surely flock to Suffolk in their thousands.

"Education has prioritised objective knowledge at the expense of subjectivity," said Dr Hatchard. "Degrees are all very well, but our students will arrive at a knowledge of their own self. GPs may be good at healing other people, but they are among the shortest lived of all professions. Politicians organise the state but cannot organise their personal lives. Their expertise does not function subjectively at all."

Just as things looked to be getting too objective, a number of huge course charts were produced from nowhere and spread on the table between us. The university offers the normal range of academic subjects, and hopes to collaborate with other universities so as to offer "accredited" degrees, and entitle its students to government grants. The charts illustrate the unique benefits that will be offered at Bentworth.

"At any stage in a student's career," said Dr Hatchard, "he can look to the chart and see how his studies relate to himself and the world." Each chart shows how TM gives the subject an identification with the "unified field of all natural laws". The business studies chart, for example, takes as its ultimate goal "the end of world poverty". So from a state of desperation about a last-minute essay crisis, a student is suddenly made aware of how his ultimate success will change the world. High-flying, indeed.

I never did see the yogic display. It was felt that a flying demonstration would compromise the gravity of our meeting. Certainly Dr Clements, who is not only the university's vice-chancellor but also party leader, takes his posts seriously. If an election is called soon, would he have time to fulfil both roles? "I am hoping for a bit of stability in the Cabinet for the next few months so we have time to set up at Bentworth," he said.

But as David Lines pointed out, "if he becomes Prime Minister we may have to rethink things." Without its Vice-Chancellor, he explained, the university would be left only with its Perpetual Chancellor, the Maharishi's own tutor. And he has been dead for a number of years.

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Sharing in Dresden's sorrow

No one who entered one of the ruined cities of Germany after the war will ever forget the experience. I shall always remember my first sight of Berlin. I arrived as a young Cambridge graduate to teach English at the Free University. Flying into the city provided the initial shock. Berlin was a moonscape. Ruins stretched to the horizon. Then came the drive through the ghost city: a grey sky, eerie fragments of buildings, people in miserable cellars.

Although I had been at a school in 1940 from which you could see the sky glow above Coventry on the night when the city burned, and had lain in the shelters there as bombs fell near us, had known the impact of London's Blitz, nothing had prepared me for the devastation of the bombing in Germany.

Soon I was to hear first-hand from those who had suffered in that bombing. Above all, I learnt for the first time about Dresden. I heard the now familiar story. The destruction of 15 square kilometres of a defenceless city, packed with refugees. It was one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, a precious part of the heritage of us all. That night it was defenceless, packed with refugees. Any genuine military targets, such as an army barracks or factories in the suburbs, were left unscathed, and little or no damage was done to vital road junctions, railway lines, marshalling yards or bridges.

> They struggled for breath in the heat of the firestorms

It was horrifying to listen to those whose eyes had gazed upon those devastating firestorms that swept through a whole city, who had struggled out of cellars that were collapsing to climb into the inferno, who had wandered helpless, struggling for breath in the heat, who had seen friends and family endure a terrible slow or instant death. Their accounts of the sights the next morning, the piled corpses in the rubble, many of the victims the elderly and the young, women and children, some blackened, some seemingly untouched, lying as if they had fallen asleep: these remain with me.

The bombing of Coventry came as a deep shock because it was the first city to be treated in that way. The ultimate effect was very much smaller than the immense destruction in Dresden. But after that Coventry raid I remember reading in the newspapers and hearing from the radio and from our elders of the utter barbarism of Hitler and the Nazis in attacking citizens. No distinction was made between armaments factories, a cathedral and private housing. Up to a thousand people died, which was terrible enough.

But in Dresden, thousands upon thousands of people perished. The civilians had become the target. Churchill had spoken of sowing a wind to reap a whirlwind.

It was in Germany that I realised that when Goering, and later Goebbels developed Hitler's idea of "total war", spoke of "Coventrating" a city, they were releasing a whirlwind of evil which had come to sweep us all into its orbit. In Britain we had forgotten our earlier high sentiments. We had forgotten Provost Howard inscribing on the ruins of Coventry Cathedral the words "Father, forgive" and calling us in a Christmas broadcast to eschew all thoughts of revenge. We did not heed Bishop Bell when he later condemned the bombing of civilians in his famous House of Lords speech.

The Litany of Reconciliation of Coventry's Community of the Cross of Nails is also prayed in the Kreuzkirche in Dresden every Friday at the hour of Christ's death. It begins with the biblical words: "All have sinned, all have fallen short..."

This is the truth which first came home to me in the ruins of Germany. We are all caught up in this guilt. We all, even today, have the death of thousands of people on our consciences.

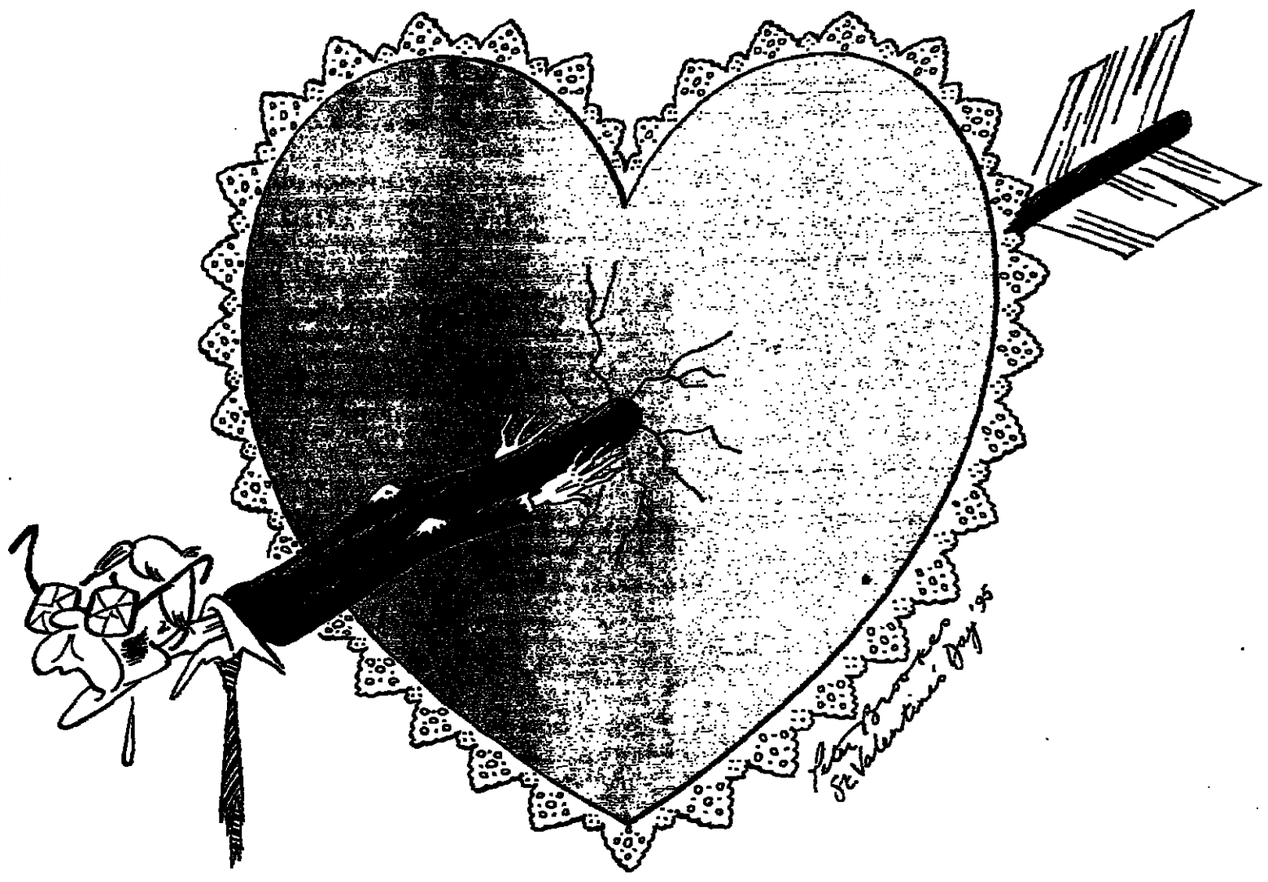
But I encountered more than ruins in Berlin. In the old parish church of Dahlem I met a group of ordinary people, many of whom had been part of a silent movement of resistance to Hitler. They taught me how to find and to share forgiveness, not just as a foundation for personal life, but as the potential basis on which to build a different Europe and a different world.

Surely part of the very essence of the democracy that we fought for when Britain stood alone was the freedom to live out of honest humility and vulnerability. We must be able to keep facing the fact that we have fallen hopelessly short of our ideals. We must be able to accept the blame for our constant illusions and betrayals, to go on being ready to acknowledge failure and to reorientate ourselves. We suffer too much at present from adversarial politics, from a culture of contempt and self-justification. "Only by accepting the past, can you alter its meaning."

For me it was not only an overwhelming privilege, it was a profound necessity to be able to stand up yesterday in Dresden in the Kreuzkirche as Bishop of Coventry and to acknowledge publicly in the presence of a throng of Dresdeners our profound sorrow and regret over what was done to their city 50 years ago. They themselves have been acknowledging their responsibility for the rise of Nazism as they have expressed their sorrow to us.

Our cathedral and the restored Frauenkirche now to be rebuilt from the ruins in Dresden — two churches that have risen again — can come to symbolise the only power left that can bring new hope to our society, to Europe and to the world: forgiveness, the power to begin again.

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AT THE BROKEN HEART OF EUROPE

There is a Jewish way

Israel may be in constant turmoil, but it is determined to respect its history

Bernard Levin

I didn't intend to come back to the question of Jewry so soon after I had written about the Holocaust, but this story is very different indeed, albeit that it could not have happened anywhere other than Israel. However, what I see from my vantage-point would be enough to make my prayer-shawl flutter in the breeze if I had one. (The shawl, not the breeze.)

Consider: You would think, wouldn't you, that the Jews have had enough trouble to fill several centuries, and would not deliberately look for more. Yet it is so: and the *casus belli* (no, you idiot, that is *not* Yiddish for "you're putting on weight") is as strange a one as I ever did hear.

The Knesset (the Israeli Parliament) is almost always in noisy turmoil: this is not, however, the same kind of meaningless shouting and yelling that shames Westminster: it stems from the fact that no Israeli MP can ever agree with any other Israeli MP. And this, in turn, stems from the fact that any number of Jews, starting with two, will inevitably, soon or later, begin to argue. More than that, there is proof that even *one* Jew can have an argument, and for that matter *no* number of Jews can finish one.

Now to set the scene I must tell you that it is very rare indeed for any Israeli government to have a majority in the Knesset. There are 120 MPs, and apart from an array of very small but very noisy and argumentative parties, the bigger ones are all too frequently splitting. It is well known that all Israeli Prime Ministers go grey, and many go mad as well.

This, of course, is by no means the only fate that Prime Ministers in democratic countries suffer, as Mr Major could testify if he weren't too busy being stabbed in the back, I am happy to say. What makes the Israelis unique is the reason for the uproar. The budget? No. Taxes? A trifle. Dangerous by-elections? Pshaw. Those shouting and yelling in the Knesset are shouting about the morals and behaviour of King David, who, I am assured, has been dead for approximately three thousand years. Now will you believe me when I say that we Jews are — to put it mildly — different?

It started like this. The Foreign Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, was discussing the delicate matter of the conquest of other nations, and saying bluntly that such conquests were abhorrent to him. To illustrate his point he brought in King David, who certainly made such conquests. That was bad enough, but Mr Peres went further, and made clear that he deprecated King David's behaviour on other scores — *viz.*, the seduction of Bathsheba, who was another man's wife, and — worst of all — sending Bathsheba's husband into a battle in which he would be sure to fall. (In the full text, David's behaviour was even worse; the dirty old man was a Peeping Tom — he was lurking behind a chimney when Bathsheba came out to bathe, and he not only seduced her, he got her pregnant.)

I take no sides (though my grandmother's name was Bathsheba, a very beautiful forename), but I didn't need to — the uproar broke out immediately and — you won't believe this — a motion of no confidence was laid. A motion of no confidence? There were *three*!

That's nothing. Not long ago a similar uproar broke out when an MP (a daughter of the late Moshe Dayan too), suggested that King David was not just a voyeur, a seducer and to all intents a murderer, but was also — er, um, how shall I put it? — well, actually, a poofdah, the evidence being that he said "Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women".

And that's not all; hitherto the fire has been directed at Mr Peres, but Prime Minister Rabin has been in very hot water when it was found that, on an important mission to Japan, he was seen to be eating non-kosher food, though nobody, it seems, stopped to think that in Japan there might *be* no kosher food. You still don't think that Jews are rather peculiar? Try this. A Mr Massoud Cohen — and for Jewish names you can't get more Jewish than Cohen; why, the very Levins have to bow to the Cohens — wanted to marry a Miss Shoshana Haddad. Neither had been married before, they were quite certainly Jewish, they were willing — nay, eager — to go through the most solemn and profound ceremonies, but were denied a marriage. And why? Because it was possible that the would-be bride was descended from a man who had lived some 2,500 years ago. Well, many men lived and died 2,500 years ago — indeed many of us can claim them among our ancestors — so what was wrong with this particular one? The answer, delivered by the rabbinical authorities, was that it was possible that this particular man might — only might — have been descended from a man who, some twenty-five centuries ago, might have married a divorced woman.

And because it was possible that such a marriage might have been made, Miss Haddad is debarred from marriage entirely, at least if she wants her marriage to be properly consecrated. (Mr Cohen did, later, marry the lady of his choice, but it had to be done privately, and anyway the Chief Rabbi still refuses to recognise the Cohen-Haddad marriage as a real one.)

The first conclusion is inevitably that Jews are not just peculiar but collectively barmy. The second conclusion is that Jews should have long ago wiped away such barnacles as those encrusted on the Cohen-Haddad marriage. The third conclusion is that the ordinary Israeli must be pretty feeble to countenance such nonsense.

And the fourth conclusion is that Israel may be right, and touchingly right despite all the barnacles and lunacies and tiresomenesses. I would not wish to live in Israel: I feel nothing special for the country. But I can applaud from the sidelines, and as I do so, I know what I am applauding.

Throughout the centuries, the Jews have been pariahs and worse. Massacre and banishment was always their lot, together with robbery of their homes, their religion, their very lives. Then the thing happened, and the world watched.

And at last the Jews said: "No more." From then on, and into history, the Jews of Israel had learnt to fight. They fought brutally (but how do you fight daintily?), they drove peaceful Arabs as well as murderous Arabs off the Arabs' land, they stained their shields with shameful blood at Dar Yassin, and still stain them with their behaviour towards Mordecai Vanunu, but they have taken an eternal vow that they will never again go quietly to their deaths, and if they go to their deaths at all, they will take their killers with them.

And that is why absurdities like the banning of the Cohen-Haddad marriage are tolerated, to tell the world that Israel is a country that has her own way of doing things, and that some of those things are ridiculous, and some are bad, and some are both at the same time.

So when the Knesset breaks up in shouting and almost with fisticuffs, just because King David's crown is thought to be besmirched, there is a reason for the shouting though King David has been dead for thirty centuries. I repeat that I would not wish to live in Israel, and not only because I sometimes like a ham sandwich and don't like to be stoned for breaking the sacred sabbath. That, of course, must make Mr Cohen and Miss Haddad very cross, and so would you and I be in their circumstances. But the trouble with a country like Israel is that it has to be everything or nothing: the Jews did not become a nation in order to banish ham, but in becoming a nation ham was accidentally banished, and the fact is that the absurd food superstitions have to be obeyed, however irritating. (But then, it is still true that Israel only has to lose one war to disappear for ever.)

However irritating, Israel and its Jews will never again be slaughtered by madmen, or for that matter by perfectly sane ones. But that was not a decree coming from the United Nations (a fat lot of use that would be!), but a statement from the Jews themselves, and if they come to blows over the behaviour of King David, it shows at least that they take their history seriously. When shall we see fighting in our Parliament over the behaviour of William the Conqueror or Owen Glendower? (I don't think Dennis Skinner would really fit the bill.)

I am sorry for the Cohen-Haddad marriage; happily, it has now been solemnised. Chief Rabbi or no Chief Rabbi. But since the Chief Rabbi refuses to recognise it, the pair cannot claim social security benefits. Go and tell King David *that*. But beware of the certainty that someone else will say the opposite.

Reject Europe's conceit

Woodrow Wyatt

says immigration fears are real

In last Summer's Euro parliament campaign, John Major concentrated on our relations with the EU; Labour and the Lib Dems concentrated on local grumbles, especially VAT on domestic fuel. The Tories were reduced to 19 seats out of the 87 available. Labour won 63 and the Lib Dems two. For the sake of a mid-term kick at the government, insular British voters got MEPs whose views on subservience to Brussels are almost the very opposite of their own. Then the voters were not concerned with the real and complicated issues; now they begin to be, and would like to hear them properly debated so they can understand the direction we are heading and reverse course if they dislike it. Normally, Cabinets disagreeing lose respect, but not over Europe. Before the 1973 referendum on the Common Market, the varied but publicly expressed views of political leaders across the parties were valued contributions, helping voters to clearer thought.

Messrs Clarke, Heseltine and probably Hurd favour a single European currency and closer political union, claiming that this could happen without a federal government and destruction of national independence. By 2000, the EU will have some 20 members, with national economies ranging from rich to very poor. Nations alter their interest rates, exchange rates and major taxation in response to internal inflationary or disinflationary pressures, of which many are intertwined with the need to remain competitive in world trade. But with a single currency there can be only one authority, the European Central Bank, doubtless based on the German Bundesbank, taking these decisions.

Similarly, interest rates and major tax policies are determined centrally in the 50 American states, although local taxes vary. Tax collected at the centre compels the richer states to subsidise the poorer. This is precisely what would have to happen in the EU. Britain would be obliged to subsidise not merely its own poor, but the far more desperate poverty elsewhere.

The odd men out in the Cabinet have started a useful debate. They stop well short of official Labour policy, which, *inter alia*, would ruinously end our opt-out from the social chapter; but the logic of their approach inevitably ends in federalism. The Labour Party dare not have an open debate among its leaders on the single currency, because its divisions are much deeper. Fifty MPs defied the Labour whip on Maastricht, and 40 on the EC Finance Act.

Public interest has been sharply increased by growing awareness that EU courts, using Continental law, are overturning not just our legislation but the decisions of our courts, based on wholly different English and Scottish law. It is intolerable that a Court of Human Rights, where the judges are not lawyers, should demand compensation for Peter Welch, the cocaine smuggler and dealer sentenced to 22 years' imprisonment in 1988, as well as insisting on the return of his forfeited £59,000 of illegal profits plus £14,000 for his legal expenses. The same court has ordered us to treat part-time workers as if they were full-time, ruling that not doing so discriminates against women. If that is accepted, many employers will have to fire part-time workers or use machines.

The Government has rejected the contention of Mr Wardle, late of the Home Office, that we are about to lose control over immigration. The Government relies on a declaration appended to the Single European Act for its prerogative of maintaining immigration checks at our sea and airports. The European Commission fights to end them, claiming they are against EU law, and a European Court might agree. The British were not consulted over the large-scale post-war immigration from countries recently given independence. If they had been, they would have resisted it.

So far, apart from some groups of Muslim fanatics, most immigrants have become good integrated British citizens. But if we take more there will be a violent backlash against ethnic minorities, as their responsible leaders recognise. Peter Tompkins was formerly in charge of immigration at the Home Office. He asserts that the annual rate of new immigrants exceeds 100,000 — double the official figure. On top there are probably half a million illegal immigrants now here. If we are additionally forced to take millions of those entering the EU through its badly policed frontiers from Morocco, Algeria, Russia and elsewhere, public fury will explode. This issue ought not to wait until the 1996 inter-governmental conference; it should be settled soon.

Before the 1973 referendum, a government White Paper said the proposition was to enter a trade association, not a political union. Most of us wish it had stayed that way. Some wish to surrender yet more power in the false and defeatist belief that we must, just to survive. John Major vows to roll back the powers seized by the Commission. A few Tory and most opposition MPs disagree. But Major will succeed: he gauges the national mood correctly.

Royal tips

THERE HAVE been plenty of suggestions that the Prince of Wales talks to his plants. Next month, however, he will be talking about them — in a lecture on the gardens at Highgrove. His Royal Highness has been signed up by the National Trust for its centenary lecture in the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.

The main lecturer will be Rosemary Verey, a gardening consultant who has been advising the Prince at Highgrove for many years. But Verey says that His Royal Highness, who has agreed to introduce the lecture, will participate as well. "It's really very exciting for me to be doing it with him. We are going to have a rehearsal together beforehand," she says.

Chances are that the lecture might develop into a sort of royal Gardeners' Question Time. Buckingham Palace confirms that the Prince will be on hand. "Basically people are going to ask Rosemary Verey questions," said a spokeswoman. "But he might answer one or two of them, you never know."

The Prince's commitment to his garden cannot be doubted. "He is at home in his garden and works very hard at it," says Verey. "He has his own tools. He digs his own holes and plants his plants himself. He has a great eye for design and is always wanting to go into new projects." But talking to plants? "No, of course he doesn't talk to them. He just loves his garden and he really works at it."

● *Be warned all Valentines venturing down London's Park Lane this evening. Drunken Cossacks will be at bay, having spilled out from the War and Peace Ball at the Dorchester, where Count Nikolai Tolstoy and countrymen will be whooping it up in period dress.*



Verey: potty about plants

Rubber ball

HIGH HEELS and leather will be a common sight among visitors to an art exhibition due to start touring in April this year. The first fetishism exhibition starts at the Brighton Museum, providing artists with the opportunity "to explore the concept of fetishism".

Among the exhibits which can be mentioned are a series of fake cows' udders by an artist exploring the "metaphorical resonance of udders". Other exhibits include animal organs preserved in jars, and balls of human hair and toenails preserved in polyurethane. There is a basin in a briefcase which "conjures up a sinister sexuality", according to its creator, Hadrian Piggot, a specialist in coloured toilet rolls. The organiser, London's South Bank Centre, confirms that taxpayers are helping to fund this no-doubt essential show.

● *Yet another member of the Douglas-Hamilton clan has landed in trouble for failing to resist the urge to fortify himself before driving. Scotland's Transport Minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton has seen three of his four brothers convicted for drink-driving related offences over the past couple of years. Yesterday, Anthony Buchan-Watt, who is married to the minister's first cousin, lost his licence after admitting driving while over the limit.*

Just Kuwait

YASHMAKS are flying in New York over a plagiarism suit. The plaintiff is a British citizen who wed a Kuwaiti diplomat and wrote a book (never published) about her unhappy marriage. Frederike Monika Adsani claims her story bears an uncanny similarity to the bestseller *Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil*, by Jean Sassons, as well as to its sequel. She says she showed it to Sassons's New York agent four years before her book was published.

"The chances of these books having been independently created in this case are about as likely as a team of monkeys coming up with Shakespeare by pounding typewriters," says Adsani's lawyer. "It's a frivolous claim," retorts the other side.

Coincidentally

THE O.J. SIMPSON trial may be in full flow, but it hasn't prevented the footballer's defence lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, from producing his first novel: a "compelling legal thriller" concerning a basketball hero who escapes conviction for rape.

Dershowitz is not cashing in on the trial, insists his publisher. "The publication date later this month is quite fortuitous."

All Rhodes

BILL CLINTON will be gratified to see that his enthusiasm for student protest while a Rhodes scholar at Oxford in the 1970s is being maintained by the current crop of radical young things. The class of '95 is going on hunger strike.

Around 15 American Rhodes scholars, about a third of the current group, are fasting from tomorrow to draw attention to recent legislation in California to withdraw schooling and healthcare from illegal immigrants. The strike will last three days.

Even this, it seems, is too much for those scholars who are aware of the problems Clinton had all those years after his anti-Vietnam War demonstrations. "Some are aware of their political careers," admits organiser Eric Garcetti. "They don't want to participate because they are not sure how it will reflect in the future."



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BALLADUR'S LULLABY

Will France tire of this conciliatory bureaucrat before May?

To judge by the campaign platform which he presented yesterday, Edouard Balladur calculates that the image of prudent manager of a nondisruptive programme of cautious change, which has served him so well as Prime Minister, will see him safely into the Elysée in May. The presentation itself was low key, not to say boring: for an hour, M Balladur read stolidly on through his programme before taking questions.

On the main questions of policy — the economy and France's attitude to Europe — which will bulk largest in the presidential race, he sprang no surprises. At 3.3 million, unemployment has become a highly charged issue clean across the electoral spectrum; but M Balladur's pledge to reduce the total by a million over five years represents little more than what, with the French economy back on a path of robust growth this year, is likely to happen anyway.

Only on the constitutional front did the Prime Minister make a pitch for the many voters whose disapproval of the whole structure and conduct of French political life is repeatedly manifested in protest votes for populist politicians of all political hues. But even there, his support for a single seven-year presidential term and for the wider use of referendums to "broaden democracy" was already firmly on record. The Prime Minister has so commanding a lead in the polls that it currently seems unassailable; but hopes are rising among his rivals, both in the Gaullist camp and even among the Socialists, that France will after all decide that its favourite mandarin-turned-politician is more than a touch of a bore.

Such moments of revolt have occurred before. *La France s'ennuyait*, it was famously remarked when Louis-Philippe was dethroned in 1848. Charles de Gaulle, whose respect for French politics was minimal, used to grumble that the French were good at making revolution, but hopeless when it came to evolutionary reform. M Balladur is, moreover, resolutely bent on the thankless task of reducing France's budget deficit. That is essential to his paramount goal of securing European monetary union by the earliest possible date: but the huge cuts in spending implied rule out any sweeteners for the electorate.

His main rival on the right, Jacques Chirac, says that France is being "led by sleepwalkers", and claims that M Balladur's brand of bureaucratic conservatism will never offer France the radical — but vaguely defined — changes the veteran Gaullist leader claims the country needs. From the protectionist wing of the right, the outsider Philippe de Villiers is offering steep tax cuts and accusing M Balladur of having thrown away the opportunity created by the Right's triumph in the 1993 parliamentary elections.

Yet a "one France" theme runs through all this year's political platforms, suggesting that M Balladur's emphasis on conciliation is perceived by all candidates as hard to beat. To his lacklustre slogan, "Believing in France", M Chirac has opposed the hardly more eyecatching "France for Everybody". The veteran former prime minister Raymond Barre, pondering a centrist challenge, has come up with "a new social contract". No politician has forgotten that it was with the misleading but winning slogan, *La Force Tranquille*, that President Mitterrand claimed the Elysée for socialism in 1981. On the left, Lionel Jospin won this year's primary contest because he was perceived as "safer" than the abrasively leftwing Henri Emmanuelli.

M Balladur can be expected to try to sidestep all challengers on the right by insisting that the issue is still the rejection of socialism. But the main contest lies further to the right. For all its well documented capacity to self-destruct, the Right still seems unlikely to lose an election which the socialists could win only by default. But this campaign will force into the open a gulf between pragmatists and radicals, who for years have cohabited within the Gaullist movement. The really big political issues, such as what France really means by a non-federal approach to European integration, may have to wait on what will be an extensive post-electoral realignment of the centre and right of French political life.

PADDY'S SHOWDOWN

Labour has spurned a chance to embarrass the Government

If ever there were an opportunity for the two main Opposition parties to outwit the Government, the time must be now. The Conservatives are, technically, running a minority administration. Labour and the Liberal Democrats agree on most issues and on at least one - Europe - they have every chance of wooing the Tory rebels to their side. It is a sign, therefore, of how much common sense is still subordinated to party wrangling at Westminster that the two parties could not agree on a form of words that would embarrass the Government in yesterday's debate.

Each side, of course, blames the other. The centre party, whose debate it was, decided to make a referendum on further constitutional change in Europe the subject of its motion. A referendum has the merit of attracting support from both sides of the European argument: it is one of the few policies on which Paddy Ashdown agrees with Teresa Gorman. But it was a deliberate challenge to Labour, which has been inching painfully towards the idea of consulting the people.

Tony Blair's latest pronouncement on the subject sounds suitably stentorian until the end, when he reveals how wary his party still is of making a firm commitment: 'We have made clear that where important constitutional arrangements are at stake, the people must have their say. As we have said over and over again, if a referendum is necessary for that to happen, we will *consider* it.' (the italics are ours.)

Considering is all very well, but what voters want is a promise. Anything can be considered and then rejected. The trouble is that not all of Mr Blair's party are as keen on a referendum as he is: either, like Gordon Brown, because they fear that the result would go the "wrong" way, against further integration, or because they dislike referendums, full stop. Maybe Mr Blair will have his way, and a commitment to a referendum will find its way into his manifesto at the next election, but in true Westminster tradition, Labour resents being bounced into such a pledge by another party.

This is not, however, the explanation that Labour spokesmen give. They complain that the motion was too vague, that the Liberal Democrats did not consult them enough and that the Government's divisions on Europe could have been better exploited by a different motion altogether. A row has apparently broken out within the Liberal Democrats too over how such an opportunity to embarrass the Government was squandered.

The truth is that the Opposition parties have still not lost the habit of being keener to wrongfoot each other than to make common cause against an unpopular Government. Mr Ashdown could not resist reminding the public that his party's democratic credentials were stronger than Labour's. Labour's inability to agree on a referendum has indeed been exposed by the Liberal Democrats, but meanwhile the Government has sailed through a day that could have been highly embarrassing. If the Opposition parties really do want to make the most of the Conservatives' current weakness, they will have to do better than this.

CROWN AND GOWN

Who should decide who sits on Regius chairs?

Having just voted injudiciously to abolish its system of entrance examinations, Oxford University has turned its attention to matters seemingly more arcane. Oxford has joined forces with Cambridge in a proposal to Downing Street on the reform of the method of appointment of Regius professors. The chairs are nominally in the gift of the monarch of the day; in practice, the choices are made by the Prime Minister.

Put simply, the universities now want greater — if not absolute — control over the process. Yet John Holroyd, John Major's appointments secretary, responded to the approach in an ill-judged manner, insisting that in the matter of appointments to Regius professorships Downing Street "must exercise the Royal Prerogative in a real sense and not as a mere formality".

By the mode of their appointment, as well as by their historical link to the Crown, the value of Regius professorships has come to be accounted at Oxford and Cambridge as greater perhaps than that of other professorships. If this is understandable, however, then so also is the concern which has coexisted with the cachet. Awkward questions have been asked in recent years (and in some cases even earlier): is the system of appointment by Prime Minister outdated? And is the ground for "political interference" too fertile for comfort?

The first Regius professorships — in Civil Law, Divinity, Greek, Hebrew and Medicine — were established in the 16th century by Henry VIII. Queen Victoria instituted the two newest chairs (which bear her stamp in all respects), in Ecclesiastical History and Moral and Pastoral Theology. But it is the Regius chair in Modern History (set in place by the less than anglophone George I) which has been the usual suspect when there is talk on High Table of Regius rights and wrongs.

Reformers suggest that on the first principles of academic freedom alone the appointment of professors is not a prime minister's proper business. Many would not dispute that. Equally, it might be suggested that by their singular nature, Regius professorships are not best analysed by principles from another context. The link between the ancient universities and the Crown is personified by the Regius professor. This bond was intended to reflect the special affiliation of our academic institutions to the *civitas* whose needs they serve.

Ironically, the modern Prime Minister of whom the academic establishment was least fond — Margaret Thatcher — played her Regius part in the best spirit. Ideally, the elevation to a Regius chair of a scholar of distinction should be the product of a process of consultation between Crown and gown. Mr Holroyd is wrong to treat the matter as one of blunt prerogative alone. The truth is, of course, that unless the Crown's power is also used discreetly, there may tomorrow be no prerogative left to exercise.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dismay over the discarding of an air chief marshal

From Sir David Goodall

Sir, The retirement forced on Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson (reports, February 11) makes an interesting contrast to the unrepentant complacency of those heads of privatised undertakings who have recently awarded themselves salary increases running into six figures without any noticeable increase in the quality of their service to the public or apparent regard for the welfare of their own employees.

No doubt it is unseemly in a senior officer, at a time of defence cuts, to allow over-lavish expenditure on an official residence (of which however he is only the temporary occupant). But as an error of judgment it pales into insignificance beside the apparent insensitivity of the chairmen of British Gas and BT.

The astronomical financial rewards claimed by heads of major firms and former public utilities are not just feeding the politics of envy. They have intensified the serious doubts felt about the kind of society which 16 years of Conservative government have created.

If Sir Iain Vallance of BT, for instance, were to fall seriously ill, his life would be dependent in hospital on nurses (not to speak of junior doctors) earning significantly less in a year than he pays himself in a week.

Is this really a sensible differential? Does it reflect the kind of society "at ease with itself" which Mr Major wants to create?

The Conservative Party has been agonising over the reasons for its drastic loss of support. What does the party now profess to conserve? Those who lead it should reflect that a philosophy of maximum personal profit for those who can get it, with the bottom line as the measure of every form of human activity, is a radical impoverishment of the old Conservative commitment to free enterprise: the latter was tempered by a sense of public service, a respect for tradition and an awareness of responsibility for the whole community.

If our present leaders show some sign of returning to these now outmoded Conservative attitudes, they may recover some electoral support. I doubt if making an example of Sir Sandy Wilson will help.

Yours etc,
DAVID GOODALL,
Greystones,
Ampleforth, York.
February 11.

From Air Chief Marshal Sir Anthony Skingsley, RAF (retd)

Sir, I hope that many of your readers will have been appalled, as I was, at the hounding out of the service of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson over the money spent on his official residence.

Not that I defend the actual sums spent on his — or other — houses. These sums are difficult to justify in the current budgetary difficulties. But no one should imagine that officers are permitted to authorise this sort of expenditure on their houses.

Expenditure of this size would have had to be agreed by higher authority, including civil servants who are the guardians of the public purse. It may be that Sir Sandy, together with others, deserves some censure. But to be singled out for public disgrace, and forced to resign, despite a lifetime of loyal and distinguished service?

From 1987 to 1989 I lived in Sir Sandy's previous residence in Germany. There are no VIP quarters at HQ RAF Germany; all senior visitors stay with the C-in-C. The constant stream in my time included three defence ministers, the Parliamentary Under Secretary, a good chunk of the Defence Committee, numerous senior Germans and a host of VIPs from almost every country in Nato.

I did not begrudge this; we got through a great deal of work in my house in a very civilised way, and furthermore the Alliance's unique integrated military structure has to be nurtured; commanders from different nations need to get to know one another. It did, however, make almost limitless demands on our time. My wife has always said: "I never thought of it as my home."

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SKINGSLEY,
c/o National Westminster Bank,
West Malling, Kent.
February 12.

From Professor Sydney Brandon

Sir, The British Government is poised to achieve what the Luftwaffe failed to do — destroy the Royal Air Force on the ground. The enforced resignation of Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson is the final straw.

The running down of support services — including the vital engineering and medical services, wholesale redundancy, lack of promotion prospects and the severe reduction in flying hours — has drastically lowered the morale and effectiveness of the service. Someone to clean the footwear of senior officers, facilities for official entertainment and decent messing arrangements for all ranks are spoken of in pejorative terms as "perks". Surely a senior officer who wastes his time on menial tasks should be court-martialled for negligence.

Saddest loss of all perks is the assurance that a serviceman's family can obtain medical care wherever in the world they are serving. The RAF medical service is to lose its remaining hospitals in the UK. There will be no service care for families of retired servicemen and the medical specialities are to be restricted to those directly necessary for immediate deployment in war. In fact they will be insufficient to cope with present needs, let alone a major crisis.

Surely there is sufficient wisdom in Parliament to stop this folly and ensure that we retain a viable air arm.

Yours sincerely,
SYDNEY BRANDON,
19 Holmfield Road, Leicester.
February 11.

From Mr Noel Falconer

Sir, The problem is not the cost of housing air officers (air commodore and above) but the number of them: 150, with nearly 400 group captains, to oversee some 40 combat units. There is similar over-provision in the other services. All are the responsibility of the Secretary of State for Defence.

I don't know if the wrong man resigned. But the right one didn't.

Yours sincerely,
NOEL FALCONER,
223 Bramhall Moor Lane,
Hazel Grove, Stockport,
Greater Manchester.
February 10.

From Mr Peter Lewis

Sir, The manner in which the Secretary of State for Defence has handled the discarding of Sir Sandy Wilson has been astonishing. Pray that the soldiers, sailors and airmen whose destiny is held in fee by Mr Rifkind's Ministry are never tempted to emulate his brand of moral fibre. Such lack of fortitude ill becomes anyone even remotely associated with our national defence.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LEWIS,
30 Dan-y-Graig, Pantmawr, Cardiff.

Pressure on visa office in Moscow

From Professor Donald Rayfield

Sir, I loudly add my voice to Mr Alan Baker's protest (letter, February 7) at the obstructiveness of the British consulate in Moscow. I have many times over the last three years been there to offer moral support to friends and academic visitors whom we have invited for short periods to the UK, and I have been appalled at the utter shambles. It is not merely that staff are overwhelmed by the numbers of applications: they have an absurdly cumbersome system for processing applications.

Applicants are publicly asked intimate questions about their motives and family circumstances, or they are invited into a "cell" for an interview which is conducted like a police interrogation. Unnecessary and impossible documentation is demanded; visas are refused on the most irrational grounds.

All the hurdles that used to be put in the way of the Russian visitor by the Communist Party and the Soviet authorities are now manned by the British authorities. I have been thoroughly shamed by the spectacle.

At a time when the Russian consulate in London presents what is almost a smiling face, the surly manners of our consulate are an embarrassment (not to mention an economic loss) to our country.

Yours sincerely,
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February 7.

Getting into Oxford

From Dr J. S. Rowett

Sir, You were taken to task by Dr George Smith (letter, February 9) for your editorial on Oxford entrance procedures (report, February 10, "Oxford entrance exam is scrapped"). His strictures on assertion overcoming analysis apply more accurately to his own letter than to your editorial of February 4.

It is quite misleading to claim that "feedback from schools is overwhelmingly clear". My own experience as a tutor for admissions over the past three years suggests that there is a considerable diversity of opinion amongst schools over the merits of the entrance examination, and no simple division between independent and maintained schools. That diversity of opinion has been apparent in public comment by schoolteachers on our recent deliberations and in letters to me and to other colleagues.

Dr Smith notes that Oxford admits more applicants from independent schools than from the maintained sector and asserts that there is either an immense disparity in talent between the two sectors or our admission procedures have been at fault. He omits to mention that over 90 per cent of those admitted have A-level grades of ABB and above. Academic merit is already the sole basis of our admissions decisions.

The difference to which Dr Smith draws attention may be evidence neither of diversity in basic talent nor of faulty admissions practices but rather of the academic excellence achieved by many schools in the independent sector. A similar standard is, for example, evident in the maintained sector in Northern Ireland.

The need is to raise academic standards across the maintained sector to the level of the best schools and not to engage in the misplaced social engineering in admissions policies that Dr Smith appears to favour.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. ROWETT
(Tutor for Admissions),
Brasenose College, Oxford.

Injured by animals

From Mr Simon Wheatley

Sir, The case of the solicitor injured by cows while walking his dogs (report, February 7; letter, February 9) turned upon facts which were specific to that claim. In particular the judge made a finding on the evidence before him at the hearing that three weeks prior to the incident concerning Mr Birch, the injured walker, the cows had chased a lady walking her dogs, causing the lady to scramble through a barbed-wire fence.

This occurrence had been reported to the farm manager. However, no action was taken by the manager to move the herd from a field through which walkers were likely to pass, along a public highway with gates across it (but unfenced).

Accordingly, liability was established on the basis that the farm manager had received a warning that an incident could occur with this particular herd unless action was taken to minimise the risk of injury to a member of the public; and the manager had failed to act on that warning, and failed to inform the farmer.

In the circumstances no precedent has been established which is generally applicable to all situations where walkers encounter cattle in fields.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON WHEATLEY
(Counsel for the farmer,
Birch v Mills),
9 Bedford Row, WC1.
February 9.

From Mrs Patricia Coward

Sir, The suggestion made by the injured walker's solicitor that cattle should be moved to fields not crossed by public paths or roads would cause our stock farm to become uneconomic. Half of our fields are crossed by footpaths which lead from farm to farm.

Should not part of the onus of care lie with the dog owner? The right of access relates to its use by human pedestrians and not their canine companions.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICIA COWARD,
Cwm Farm, Coed-y-Paen,
Via Pontypool, Gwent.
February 9.

To the point

From Professor Emeritus Gordon Lawrence

Sir, In a spirit of economy if not elegance of construction, would it be possible for someone to have "disappeared" rather than "gone missing", as seems increasingly to be the case these days?

Yours faithfully,
GORDON LAWRENCE,
The Coach House, Church Street,
Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.
February 12.

Commission's powers

From Mr Anthony Kinch

Sir, Mr Martin Howe (letter, February 7) is right to explain that the power of the European Commission to propose legislation includes the power to withdraw a proposal at any time before it is adopted by the Council of Ministers of the European Union.

His letter does, however, beg the question why the Commission was ever given the powers it has by the member states. If it is not the servant of the member states, it is certainly their creature.

The member states recognised that nothing ever happens in inter-governmental co-operation, and that an independent institution was needed to ensure that the member states made good the promises they made to each other in the treaties they signed.

Having created the Commission, the member states could just as easily abolish it; or could they?

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY KINCH,
36 Greenways, Beckenham, Kent.
February 7.

From Mrs Georgina Wright

Sir, Mr Howe gives us the theory on the power of the European Commission, not the reality. As someone who has sat behind both a UK flag (as a British official) and a Commission nameplate (when seconded to the European Commission), I can assure him that the power of decision rests firmly with the national governments.

If the British people do not like what is being decided in the European Union, then it is to the British Government not to "Brussels" or "the Commission" or "Europe" they should address their complaints. Anti-European coverage in the media and ill-informed blame of "Europe" for all our ills do not help British representatives negotiate good deals in Brussels.

In fact, despite this, the UK gets its way remarkably often (on opt-outs, the budget, on subsidiarity, on fraud). There has to be give and take, but that is principally between the governments of the EU, not between Britain and some mythical foreign body called "Europe".

Yours faithfully,
G. S. WRIGHT,
49 Sheen Road, Richmond, Surrey.

Plight of the Karen

From Dr Phillip Ambler and others

Sir, In our capacities as two doctors and a civil engineer, we were in Burma last November with the Karen, carrying out eye surgery and advising on hydro-electric schemes on a voluntary basis.

We deplore the Burmese army's attacks on the Karen and the fall of Manerplaw, their capital (report, January 28).

The Karen are a gentle, peaceable people who have been forced to fight for their freedom. In late November they put forward a peace initiative, but in vain. The fragile ceasefire was ended in early December with Burmese gunfire. The Burmese record on human rights is dismal and they appear to have no genuine interest in peace.

During the Second World War the Karen fought bravely with the Allies and when the Japanese overran Burma they sheltered British soldiers. Our record towards the Karen is less glorious. After Burmese independence from the British in 1948 successive governments have largely stood by while the Karen have been oppressed by increasingly brutal regimes in Rangoon.

The Karen have been prisoners in the jungle for 46 years, a forgotten people in a faraway land. They deserve better.

Yours etc,
PHILLIP AMBLER,
FRANK D. GREEN,
THOMAS SCOTT,
Barnards Farm House,
Charlton Village Road,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
February 9.

HMS Caroline

From Mr Robert R. Rodwell

Sir, Far from being inappropriate for *HMS Caroline* (as Sir Philip Goodhart, a former Northern Ireland minister, suggests in his letter of February 8) Belfast harbour will continue to offer a wholly fitting setting for the Jutland veteran, berthed there for more than 70 years.

With the harbour's Abercorn basin earmarked as the site of a maritime museum, as part of the comprehensive Laganside redevelopment now proceeding, the light cruiser should very properly remain at the heart of a city with great shipbuilding and naval traditions.

Belfast boasts many more tourists than Birkenhead, for which Sir Philip argues as a "plainly possible" permanent home for *HMS Caroline* on the basis that she was built there in the Cammell Laird yard. On that basis, please could we have *HMS Belfast* — a larger Second World War cruiser built here in the Harland and Wolff shipyard — towed back from the Thames?

What is sauce for Cheshire geese should be sauce for Ulster ganders.

Yours faithfully,
BOB RODWELL,
86 Shore Road,
Ballyhalbert, Co Down.
February 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Emerging markets

From Mr James Sinclair

Sir, I love the vast generalisations made by Anatole Kaletsky in his article, "Why Mexico may have done the world a good turn" (Economic View, February 2). He is, however, misleading readers with his claim that all emerging markets are overvalued.

To throw in Brazil and Argentina, as he does, appears to overlook not only the underlying characteristics (and potential) of each economy, but the current valuation of each market.

He also omits to remind readers that one reason for their growth is the low base they started from: thus the fact that they must revert to previous level is not quite that obvious.

It is, I suppose, a consolation to know that Brazilian reserves are higher than the UK's.

Yours truly,
JAMES SINCLAIR,
23 Great Winchester Street, EC2.
February 6.

Underhand tactic

From Mr D. J. Grocott

Sir, I am fed up with writing letters to you on diverse subjects only to have them politely refused. To ensure publication I have arranged for this one to be leaked.

Yours faithfully,
DON GROCOTT,
Mulberry Tree Cottage,
56 Bridge Street,
Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 11: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Irish Regiment, today visited the 3rd Battalion in Portadown and the 7th Battalion in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Major Elizabeth Towell and Captain David Thompson were in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Prince of Liechtenstein celebrates his 50th birthday today.

The Right Rev Peter Ball, former Bishop of Gloucester, and his twin brother, the Right Rev Michael Ball, Bishop of Truro, 63; Mr John Butterfill, MP, 54; Sir John Clark, former chairman, The Plessey Company, 69; Professor Evelyn Ebsworth, Vice-Chancellor, Durham University, 62; Sir Arnold Elton, consultant surgeon, 75; Sir Jack Hibbert, former director, Central Statistical Office, 63; Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, former chairman, Allied-Lyons, 72; Miss K.M. Jenkins, former director of personnel, Royal Mail, 50; Mr Kevin Keegan, footballer, 44; Mr John MacGregor, MP, 58; Miss Manuela Maleeva, tennis player, 28; Countess Mountbatten of Burma, 71; Professor Sir Charles Oatley, electrical engineer, 91; Mr Alan Parker, film director, 51; the Hon Hanning Philipps, former Lord Lieutenant of Dyfed, 91; Lord Rossmore, 64; Mr Michael Rudman, theatre director and producer, 56; Sir Albert Sloman, former Vice-Chancellor, Essex University, 74; Mr Jocelyn Stevens, chairman, English Heritage, 63; Mr D.M. Stewart, Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, 65; Mr A.W.H. Stewart-Moore, former chairman, Gallaher, 80; Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, 60.

Legal appointments

Mr David Russell Wood and Mr Jeremy David Griggs to be Circuit Judges, assigned to the North Eastern and Western Circuits respectively.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as visitor, will visit St Catherine's College, Oxford, at 11.00; as Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Founder and Chairman of International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will be the host at a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00 for the friends of the award; and, as Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, will attend a Charter for Business and World Fellowship dinner at St James's Palace at 7.50. Prince Edward will also attend.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a reception and tour the factory at United Biscuits, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire, at 12.15; will visit the Dunn Nutrition Centre at Downham's Lane, Milton Road, Cambridge, at 3.30, to review the collaborative work between the centre and British industry; and will give a lecture to the Cambridge Union Society on behalf of the Save the Children fund at the union society, Cambridge, at 6.30.

The Duchess of Kent will open Rutherford House, Manchester Science Park, Enterprise House, Lloyd Street, North Manchester, at 12.55; will open Lynne House Child and Adolescent Neuro-Rehabilitation Unit, Highbank Healthcare, Walmsley Road, Bury, at 11.35; and will visit St Mary's, Mulberry Street, Manchester, at 1.40.

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG

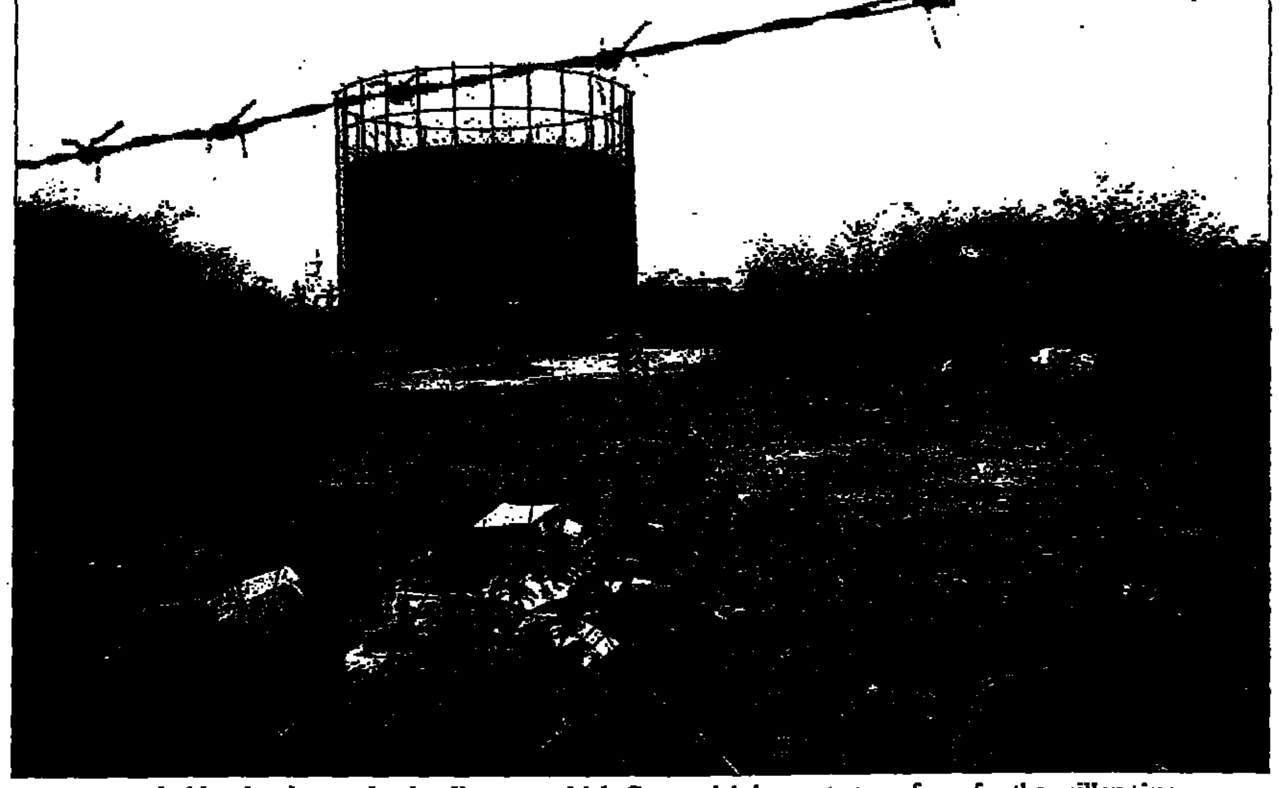
Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, has been appointed Life Colonel Commandant Royal Marines.

This appointment was last held by Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma from 1965 to 1979.

The first public appearance of the new Life Colonel Commandant will be at the Mountbatten Festival of Music at the Albert Hall, on February 17, 1995.

Church in Ireland

The new Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is to be the Rev John Ross from Holywood, Co Down. He succeeds Dr David McGaughey in June.



MARTIN BEDDALL

A gasholder dominates the derelict area which Greenwich hopes to transform for the millennium

Festival fires gasworks site with life

By John Young

A DERELICT former gasworks in southeast London may become the site of a year-long festival and exposition to mark the Millennium. A formal request will be submitted to the Millennium Commission which has been charged with selecting suitable projects to be funded from National Lottery receipts.

Greenwich council's bid to host the capital's biggest event of the year 2000 is supported by the London Tourist Board, the Port of London Authority, the London Docklands Development Corporation, the National Maritime Museum, the University of Greenwich, and three other docklands boroughs, Lewisham, Newham and Tower Hamlets. The project would create thousands of new jobs and the consultants Price Waterhouse estimate that it could generate profits of £17 million. It is also backed by London Pride, a consortium of organisations including the Confederation of British Industry and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, which last month published a prospectus aimed at restoring London to "head the league of world cities."

The 44-acre site, at the end of the Greenwich peninsula, has been offered to the council by Port Greenwich Ltd, a subsidiary of British Gas Properties. Ralph Ellis, the company's managing director, said yesterday: "We are happy to work in partnership with Greenwich council and the local millennium committee in pursuit of the regeneration of the Port Greenwich site."

Support from the Millennium Commission would be a huge boost to the revival of the whole of Greenwich, which contains one of the largest concentration of historic buildings in London, including the Royal Naval College, the National Maritime Museum and the Royal Observatory, but which is blighted by decay, lack of investment and heavy through traffic.

A rejuvenated Greenwich would, it is argued, become a big tourist attraction and stimulate the economic revival of east and southeast London. Next door Woolwich, which also has a wealth of historic buildings, notably the Royal Arsenal, needs new investment too.

The London Pride prospectus, which was welcomed by John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, claimed that in 1993 London paid £8,000 million more in taxes than it received in public investment. Michael Cassidy, chairman of the Corporation of London's policy and resources committee, said it was being used as a "cash cow."

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J.W. Bishop and Miss J.A. Tomelty
The engagement is announced between Philip John Wear Bishop and Jacqueline Alice Tomelty, both of London.

Mr M.O. Brawn and Miss C.M. Hinton
The engagement is announced between Mark Oliver, son of Ms Christine Scanlon, of South Wigston, Leicestershire, and Catharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Hinton, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

Mr M.H.D. Christie and Miss J.M. van Noort
The engagement is announced between Michael, only son of Mr Duncan Christie and the late Mrs Patricia Christie, of Barley, Hertfordshire, and Jenni, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter van Noort, of Perth, Western Australia.

Mr I.C. Coates and Ms J.C. O'Connor
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Donald and Violet Coates, and Jo, daughter of Brian and Jennifer O'Connor.

Mr P.R.C. Farrar-Hockley and Miss R.E.A. Stearn
The engagement is announced between Piers, elder son of Brigadier and Mrs Dair Farrar-Hockley, of Warminster, Wiltshire, and Rebecca, elder daughter of the Reverend and Mrs Peter Stearn, of Kings Langley, Hertfordshire.

Mr M.D. Goldbart and Miss R.C. Montgomery
The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Mr and Mrs L. Goldbart, of Mayfair, London, and Rebecca, eldest daughter of Mr D. Montgomery, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs C. Montgomery, of East Dulwich, London.

Mr I. Haines and Miss K.J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Ian, elder son of Mrs Josephine Haines and the late Mr Frederick Haines, of Ramsgate, Kent, and Katharine, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Thomas, of Oakham, Rutland.

Mr J.H.C. Haynes and Miss V. Giacco
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Haynes, of Bradford Abbas, Dorset, and Valencia, daughter of the late Mr J.W. Giacco and of Mrs Belva Farina, of Palm Springs, California, USA.

Mr M.J. Heath and Miss S.E. Fox
The engagement is announced between Martin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Heath, of Addlestone, Surrey, and Sunniva, youngest daughter of Mrs Rose Fox and the late Mr Frank Fox, of Aughnacloy, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Mr R.A. Hodgson and Miss L.M. Forbes
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs P.C. Hodgson, of Wimbledon, and Linda, daughter of George and Madge Forbes, of Natal, South Africa.

Mr T.D.P. Kemp and Miss H.S. Robinson
The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Kemp, of West Malling, Kent, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Robinson, of Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire.

Mr S.P.T. Loup and Miss C.A. Scott
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Loup, of Dullingham, Suffolk, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, of Cobham, Surrey.

Mr O.A. Ola and Miss V.M. Simpson
The engagement is announced between Seyi, son of Professor C.S. Ola, of Pied a Terre, and Valerie, daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Simpson, of Bristol.

Mr T. Rowland and Lady Busk
The engagement is announced between Tom Rowland, of Wiston, Sussex, and Bridget Busk, of Chilbolton, Hampshire.

Mr T. Sheehan and Miss L.M.B. Schwerdt
The engagement is announced between Tom, second son of Dr Eamon and Dr Ann Sheehan, of Millstown, Kerry, Eire, and Cindy, elder daughter of the late Mr Colin Schwerdt and of Mrs Sue Schwerdt, of Sidbury, Sidmouth, Devon.

Mr S.R. Warnford-Davis and Miss E. Pearson
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs P.D. Warnford-Davis, of South Newington, Oxfordshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.D. Pearson, of Stiffkey, Norfolk.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Claude Prosper Crébillon, novelist, Paris, 1707; Thomas Malthus, economist and demographer, Rookery, Surrey, 1766; Christopher Sholes, pioneer of the typewriter, Mooresburg, Pennsylvania, 1819; Frank Harris, writer, Galway, 1856; Israel Zangwill, writer, Zionist and philanthropist, London 1864.

DEATHS: King Richard II, reigned 1377-99, murdered at Pontefract Castle, 1400; John Hadley, pioneer of the sextant, East Barnet, Hertfordshire, 1744; Captain James Cook, explorer, murdered by natives, Hawaii, 1779; Sir William Blackstone, jurist, London, 1780; Henry Maudslay, inventor of the metal lathe, London, 1831; William Dyce, painter, London, 1864; William Sherman, Union General in the American Civil War, New York, 1891; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse, writer, New York, 1975; Sir Julian Huxley, biologist, London, 1975; Frederick (Fritz) Loewe, composer, Palm Springs, 1988.

London's Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children admitted its first patient, 1852.

Marconi began regular broadcasting from Essex, 1922.

The St Valentine's Day massacre took place in Chicago, 1929.

The German battleship *Bismarck* was launched, 1939.

The Bank of England was nationalised, 1946.

Lord Reigate

A Memorial Service for the Right Hon Lord Reigate will be held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey at noon on Wednesday, March 15. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 15, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted on March 8. All are welcome.

Captain Robert Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont

A Memorial Service for Captain R. Wolrige Gordon of Esslemont will take place in St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh on Monday, April 10, 1995, at 2.30pm.

Humphry Berkeley

A Requiem Mass will be held in memory of Humphry Berkeley at Brompton Oratory, on February 21 at 11am.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Brian Vale, British Council regional director for the Middle East and North Africa, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr L.J. Lickorish presided.

Dinner

Athenaeum
Mr Hazhir Teimourian was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Peter Snow was the chairman.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Tony Baldry, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House to mark the retirement of Sir Donald Tebbit as Chairman of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission.

Service dinner

71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment
Sir Nicholas Jackson, Master of the Drapers' Company, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the 71st Yeomanry Signal Regiment Officers' Dining Club held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Colonel the Earl of Limerick, president, was in the chair.

Lord McConnell

The life barony conferred upon Mr Robert William Brian McConnell has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron McConnell, of Lisburn in the County of Antrim.

Appointment

Dr Robert Stevens, Master of Pembroke College, Oxford, is to be also Chairman of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission from March 1. He succeeds Sir Donald Tebbit, chairman since 1987.

Inner Temple

Mr Anthony Dominic Temple, QC, Mr Richard Rampton, QC, and Mr Robert M. Owen, QC, have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines
CAPTAIN: R S Ainsley - Liverpool 30.8.95; N D V Robertson - Tokyo 12.5.95.
COMMANDER: R I M Clark - Splendid in Cmd 9.5.95; J B Cunnison - MOD London 18.8.95; J S C Dodd - Staff of FOST Portland 2.5.95; M J Duffy - MOD Portsmouth 16.5.95; M E Finney - Sceptre in Cmd 9.3.95; S W Haines - MOD London 4.8.95; R J Ibbotson - MOD Portsmouth 4.8.95; S M Jeffcoat - Sutherland 20.6.95; N Morisetti - MOD London 4.8.95; B M Parsons - MOD Bath 18.8.95; J C L Wonton - MOD Bath 24.2.95.
MAJOR: R I Armstrong - HQAFCENT 25.7.95.
Retirements
COMMANDANT: J Titley - 22.4.95.
COMMANDER: J A Collins - 18.3.95; A R Peters - 1.5.95.
SURGEON COMMANDER (D): D A Leighton-Goodall - 1.5.95.

The Army
COLONEL: C A Heggie - to BMM Sang Saudi Arabia, 16.2.95; J C Richardson - To RAM Coll, 13.2.95; R J Evans - to MOD 13.2.95.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: I A Milne RLC - to 3 (UK) Div HQ & Sig Regt, 13.2.95; I A Relph R Signals - to be CO Royal Sch of Sigs, 13.2.95; C W Harrison - to MOD, 13.2.95; J P Edmondson-Jones RAMC - to AMS Trg Gp, 13.2.95.

Royal Air Force
AIR COMMODORE: V M Hand - to MOD 10.2.95.
GROUP CAPTAIN: J C Armstrong - to NEFMA Munich 10.2.95.
WING COMMANDER: P J Hilling - to HQ PTC 30.1.95.

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What I mean, my friends, is this: flesh and blood can never possess the kingdom of God, the perishable cannot possess the imperishable.
1 Corinthians 15 : 50 (REB).

BIRTHS

AFFLECK-TSUI - On 12th February 1995 in Hong Kong, to Sean and Ruby, a son.

ALLARDICE - On February 9th 1995, to Sarah and William, a daughter, Madeleine Jane.

APTHORP - On February 3rd, to Susan (née Hamilton) and Justin, a daughter, Elizabeth Juliet Louisa.

BASSETT - On February 10th, to Emma-Louise (née O'Reilly) and Richard, a son, Edmund Januarius.

BEST - On February, 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Lorraine Acosta and Bill Best, a dashing son, Andrew Noble - 8lbs 2oz and NBA Material.

BROWN - On February 4th 7.33 at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Wayne, a beautiful daughter, Lily Florence Katherine, and a sister for Harry.

BURT - On February 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Kate (née Cracknell) and James, George, another beautiful son, brother to Archie and Annabelle.

CARPENTER - On February 10th, Talula Christina; a daughter to Tom and Nanni and a sister for Kristian, Erik, Laura and Digby.

CLAY - On February 11th 1995, at The Royal Shrewsbury, to Sarah (née FitzHerbert) and Anto, a daughter, Posy.

COBB - On 5th February 1995 at The John Radcliffe Hospital, to Caroline (née Rawson) and Joe, a daughter, Charlotte Rosemary.

CROMAN - On 11th December 1994, to Nicola (née Smith) and Paul, a daughter, Holly India, a sister for Rose and Rosanna.

de LITTLE - On February 10th, to Rodney de Little and Joanna (Thurston-Hopkins), a daughter, Cressida Dandelion Aliki Britannia St. George, a sister for Lettice.

DUNJAY - On February 8th, to Elizabeth (née Collins) and Andrew, a daughter, Rosanna Marie, a sister for Philippa and Ben.

FISHER - On February 8th, in Hong Kong, to Caroline (née Lindsay) and James, a daughter, Georgina, a sister for Alice.

GALAZKA - On February 10th, to Nicola and Peter, a son, Benjamin Henry Peter, a brother for Emily.

GRIGG - On 11th February 1995 to Rachel and Sebastian Grigg, a son, Edward.

HEWITT-HORSPOOL - On February 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Gary and Barbara, a very special son, Jake.

MARCHANT WINK - Robert and Penelope are delighted to announce the birth of their son, James Crawford, at The Borders General Hospital, Melrose, on February 11th 1995. Both well.

MASON - On February 9th 1995, to Emma (née Girardot) and Robert, a son, Thomas Charles Frederick.

MAXWELL - On February 9th 1995 in London! to Miranda (née MacSwiney) and Ronnie, a son, Ronald St George Ivor.

MYERS - On 10th February, to Dominic and Sharon (née Smith), a daughter, Arabella Kathleen Dominica.

NUTTALL - Nick and Sarah are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, on 8th February, Tara Rose, a sister for Freddie.

ORCHART - On 10th February, to Paul and Sarah, a daughter, Laura Eloise Angharad, with thanks to all at Queen Charlotte's.

QUIE - On February 8th, to Marissa (née McEvoy) and Neville, a son, Oliver David Ronald, a brother to Alexandra.

RICH - On February 6th at The Portland Hospital, to the proud parents Michelle (née Moss) and Russell, a beautiful daughter, Chloe Lianne.

TOWNSEND - On February 12th to MaryAnne (née Wilson) and Philip, a son, Edmund James Piers.

WINSLOW - On 8th February, to Anne (née Groom) and Paul, a daughter, Elizabeth Alice.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - Kathleen Buckingham (née Hunt) at Guy's Hospital suddenly but peacefully on Friday 10th February 1995, aged 83. She lived life to the utmost. Through her work with Farnham Parcel Packing Centre she helped many Prisoners of War. An inspirational cello teacher she was much loved by family and friends. Funeral 2pm Monday 20th February at St Margaret's Church, Lee Terrace, Blackheath SE3 followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations: Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

ANNING - On February 12th peacefully in Harrogate District Hospital, after a short illness, Margaret Leslie (Margot) aged 87, widow of the late Dick Anning. Devoted and caring mother of Penny, Jane and Rosie, grandmother of Frances, Diana, Thomas, Penelope, Sebastian and Sophie, and delighted great-grandmother of seven. Always a loving and much loved friend to her sons-in-law, her wider family and many friends. Funeral Friday 17th February at 2.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Burton Leonard. "Absent thee from felicity awhile". All enquiries to F. Lowley & Son Ltd., tel: (0765) 602294.

BALHARRIE - Peacefully, after a short illness on Friday 10th February 1995, Brigadier Jock Balharrie, M.B.E., M.C., T.D., late of Royal Scots Greys, beloved husband of Sally. Funeral Service on Thursday 16th February 1995 at 2 pm from the Church of Scotland Kensaleyre, Snizort, near Portree, Isle of Skye, thereafter to Skeabost Cemetery. No flowers please. Donations to Regtl. Special Aid Fund, c/o H.Q. Scots D.G., The Castle, Edinburgh.

BARNETT - On February 3rd 1995, Sir Oliver Charles Barnett C.B.E., Q.C. Much loved husband of Joan and stepfather of Susan. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Stogumber Parish Church, Somerset, at 2 pm on Saturday 18th February. Donations are being received for the William Red Cross c/o Willcombes Funeral Directors, Williton. tel: (01984) 632420.

BAUMBERG - Eric, on 12th February peacefully in hospital aged 88, with family present, after very short illness. Much loved husband of Joy and father, grandfather and great-grandfather. No flowers. Donations to Samaritans. 70 years a Times reader.

BEST - Ian David, loved son of Phyllis and the late Jim Best, a dear brother of Margaret and uncle of Louise and Paul, beloved partner of Jane and cherished by all who knew him. Private funeral will take place at South London Crematorium at 4 pm on Wednesday 15th February 1995. Flowers would be very much appreciated. Flowers to A. Yeatman Funeral Directors, 15 Rowan Road, London SW16 by 1.30 pm.

BROWN - On 12th February, peacefully in St Mary's Hospital, Kettering, Sheila, much loved wife of Cdr. A.F. Brown R.N. (retd.) and beloved mother and grandmother. A private cremation will be followed by a Memorial Service on a date to be announced. No flowers please.

CAPON - Our beloved Sarah killed tragically in a car accident on 9th February 1995 aged only 25 years. There will be a quiet funeral at St Mary's Church, Motcombe, Dorset, at 2 pm Friday 17th February, followed by a Memorial Service later in London on a date to be arranged. No flowers. Donations to The M.S. Society, 25 Effie Road, London SW6 1EE.

CHESSHYRE - On 9th February 1995 peacefully, in a Canterbury nursing home, aged 79, Katharine Anne, daughter of the late Basil Tanfield Beridge Boothby and widow of Colonel Hubert Layard Chesshyre (Hugo). Much loved mother of Hubert, Bill, Matthew, Kitty, John and Alice, and grandmother of Emily, Lydia, Mary, Rosie, William, Jessica, Joseph, Thomas, Sarah and Rebecca. Family funeral at St Mildred's, Canterbury, on Wednesday 15th February at 2.30 pm. Thanksgiving Service in Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 31st March at 2.30pm. Donations welcome to Parkinson's Disease Society (071-383 3513).

CLARKE - On February 8th 1995, Julia Margaret, dearly loved wife of Brian and adored mother of James, Annabelle and Susanna, in Mount Vernon Hospital, after a valiant struggle against cancer. Funeral and Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 17th February at the Church of St John the Baptist, Great Gaddesden, at 3pm, followed by private burial service at Nettleden. Flowers c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfe, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 1AH, tel: (01442) 864648 or, if preferred, donations to Imperial Cancer Research also c/o above.

DACRE - On 12th February 1995, peacefully, Elizabeth Frances MBE, TD, JP., aged 93. Beloved wife of the late Air Commodore George Dacre and devoted mother of Kenneth Dacre (killed in World War II) and much loved by her family and many friends. Memorial Service and burial of ashes at St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean, Brighton, at 3pm on Sunday 19th February. No flowers - donations if desired to E. Carter & Son (Funeral Directors), 20 Marine Drive, Rottingdean, Brighton to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal or The RAF Benevolent Fund. It is hoped to arrange a further Memorial Service later.

FORREST - On 9th February 1995, suddenly but peacefully, Eric, dear husband of Kitty, beloved father of Ian, Gillian and Richard and grandfather of Alastair and Katherine Cameron. Funeral at St John the Baptist, Finchingfield, on Friday 17th February at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, for the Parkinson's or Alzheimer's Disease Societies may be sent to H.J. Paintin Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridgeshire.

GIDLEY - Suddenly in Worthing Hospital, on 13th February 1995, Peggy, dearly beloved wife of Cyril John and mother of Pru and Ian. Cremation will take place at Worthing Crematorium at 2.40 pm on Tuesday 21st February. Family flowers only, but donations for The Guild of St Helena, may be sent to H.D. Tribe Ltd., 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, BN14 8HU, tel: (01903) 234616.

HANCOCK - On February 11th, peacefully in hospital, Elizabeth Gibson (née Howitt) aged 78 years, of Little Comberton, Worcs. Much loved wife of the late Kenneth and dear mother of David, Susan and James. Funeral Service at Little Comberton Church on Friday February 17th at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations, if desired, for The British Diabetic Association c/o E. Hill Funeral Directors, Pershore, Worcs. WR10 1HZ.

HARRISS - Noël R.H. Most loved husband of Sue; loving father of Tup (Heath) and David, Jane and Gabe, Dianne and Brian, David and Sue; and devoted grandfather of Charles, Daniel, James, Caroline; Gaby, Jeanine, Karen Dede; Peter and Michael. Passed away peacefully on 10th February 1995 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

HETREED - Peacefully at home on February 10th 1995, Colonel Michael James Hetreed, aged 76 years, of Cucklington, Somerset. Beloved husband of Pam. Sadly missed by his children, grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral Service is to take place at St Luke and St Teresa's Church, Wincanton, on Thursday 16th February at 1.30 pm. Flowers may be sent c/o Thomas Green Funeral Directors, Station Road, Wincanton, Somerset. tel: (0963) 32724.

HOGG - Hon. William Neil Mcgarel: Died quietly at his home in Switzerland on 13th February 1995 at the age of 84; a much loved brother, uncle and friend, he will be greatly missed. The funeral will be at St Mark's Church, Luzern on Saturday 18th February.

HORRELL - Alfred Ernest, Commander, R.N. in his 101st year. Peacefully on Saturday 11th February 1995. A much loved father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service on Thursday 16th February 1995 at 11 am. at Teffont Evias Church, nr. Salisbury. No flowers. Enquiries or donations if desired for Age Concern c/o I.N. Newman Ltd., Funeral Directors, Griffin House, 56 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts. (0722) 413136.

JURY - On February 10th, peacefully at Purey Cust Hospital, York, Captain Peter Charles Cotton, late 13th/18th Royal Hussars, beloved father of Sophie and Polly and much loved grandfather. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 3 pm on Friday February 17th at St Gregory's Minster, Kirkdale, North Yorkshire. No flowers please but donations to Leukaemia Research Fund, 24 Irwin Avenue, York.

KEEPING - On February 12th 1995, peacefully at home, aged 85, Arthur Ralph ("Keeps"), dear father of Esme, Harriet, Jane and George and much loved grandfather of Alexander, Edward, Robert, Eleanor, Anna and Joseph. Service at 12.30 pm on Friday 17th at St Mary's Church, Wheatley, Oxford. Family flowers only please but donations would be gratefully received by Sir Michael Sobell House, Churchill Hospital, Oxford.

KINGHAM - On February 8th 1995, tragically in a road accident, His Honour James Frederick Kingham MA (Cantab), D.L. Beloved husband of Vivienne, devoted father of Sarah, Emma, Simon and Guy, adored grandfather of Sinéad and father-in-law of Barry, Peter and Sue. Dearly loved and missed by all his family and many friends. Private cremation. A Service of Thanksgiving will follow at St Mary's Parish Church, Luton, on Thursday 16th February at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations, if desired to be distributed to James' favourite charities. Cheques made payable to 'James Kingham Thanksgiving Fund' may be sent to Alan Dyer Chief Constable of Bedfordshire, c/o Bedfordshire Police HQ, Woburn Road, Kempston, Bedford. MK43 9AX. Further enquiries to Neville Funeral Service, Luton (01582 490006).

LEES - Daniel Pearson (Dan), author and journalist, on 31st January, at his home, La Fontaine des Anglais, Damazan 47160, Aquitaine, France. Much loved and missed by Molly, Venetia, Ibrahim, Sheila and all the family.

MAPLE - On February 11th, 1995, after illness suffered with dignity, Audrey, wife of Bruce, mother of Rick, Shani, Edwina and Rob, and grandmother of Rachel, Sarah, Jamie, Kate and Juliette. Funeral Service at Capenhurst Parish Church, on Friday 17th February, at 10.15 am. Family flowers only, donations to Cancer Research.

MARSHALL - Suddenly but peacefully at Murrayfield House, on 11th February 1995, in her 90th year, Margaret, youngest and last surviving member of the family of the late Henry Brown Marshall of Rachan and Anna Rissik Marshall, and a much loved aunt. A funeral service is to be held in the Pentland Chapel at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, on Friday 17th February at 11.45 am to which all friends are welcome. No flowers please, but donations may be sent if so desired to the Robert Louis Stevenson Memorial Trust, 5 Albyn Place, Edinburgh EH2 4NG.

MOORE - Henry Vernon. Suddenly but peacefully on 10th February 1995, in Salisbury District Hospital, of Burford Lane, Salisbury. Dearest husband of Frances. Funeral Service on Friday 17th February 1995 at Salisbury Crematorium at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for Salisbury Hospice Care Trust c/o I.N. Newman, Griffin House, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury SP1 1HL.

NEWTON - On 10th February 1995, in her sleep at her home in Chichester, Eileen in her 94th year, wife of the late Charles Ernest Newton. Loving mother of Sheila (Macdonald) and Geoffrey. Proud grannie of six and great-grannie of ten. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Singleton, Thursday February 16th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Singleton P.C.C. for the Church Restoration Fund.

RAMSEY - On 13th February, peacefully, at St John's Home, St Mary's Road, Oxford, Joan, widow of the Most Rev and Rt. Hon. Lord Ramsey of Canterbury, former Archbishop of Canterbury. The funeral service will take place in Canterbury Cathedral on Friday 17th February at 12 noon, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations, if desired, to the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield, W. Yorkshire WF14 0BN.

REINHARDT - Peacefully on Saturday 11th February, Marjorie, beloved wife of the late Billy Reinhardt, and well loved aunt. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Hampton Wick, at 10 am Monday 20th February followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The Royal British Legion c/o F.W. Paine Ltd., 102 High Street, Teddington.

RYCROFT - On 12th February 1995, Dr. Richard Noël Rycroft M.C. Dear husband of Patricia (Paddy) and father of Richard, Charles and Katharine, and Grampa to William and Eleanor, Ziggy, Gregory and Sophia and Diggory. Family ceremony.

VAUGHAN - On 9th February, in Redwood City, California, very suddenly, Dr. James Rodney Mitchell Vaughan, beloved husband of Anne, father of Peter, Caroline and Timothy and brother of Rosemary. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to St John's College, Cambridge.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

WEST - Christopher Robin MSc MIHSM DipHSM. A Memorial Service to celebrate the professional life of Chris West, late Chief Executive of Portsmouth and South East Hampshire Health Commission, will be held at St Mary's Church, Fratton Road, Portsmouth, at 11 am on Friday 17th March 1995. A collection will be taken for the Samaritans. For further information or to send a donation, write to the Health Commission at Finchdean House, Milton Road, Portsmouth PO3 6DP, or telephone 01705 836000.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

GILES - Sylvia Joan Giles deceased. Carl Giles and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards, messages of sympathy, flowers, donations and support on the loss of his wife Joan.

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OBITUARIES

RALPH MERRIFIELD

Ralph Merrifield, archaeologist and former Deputy Director of the Museum of London, died on January 9 aged 81. He was born on August 22, 1913.



RALPH MERRIFIELD did more than anyone else, both by example and influence, to put the archaeology of London and its environs on a firm footing. His first book, *The Roman City of London* (1965), brought information gathered from postwar excavations and observations of the capital, together with earlier records, to produce a masterful historical synthesis and topographical gazetteer.

This survey, the result of research carried out largely in his own time, was a landmark in the study of Roman London. It brought the subject to the attention of a wide audience and established Merrifield's reputation as a leading authority on the early history of the capital.

His first important paper on new discoveries in London had been published in 1962. It was a study of Roman coins found by building workers in the bed of the Walbrook, the stream that bisected Roman London, when archaeologists were no longer allowed on the sites. Other more general but indispensable publications followed: *Roman London* (1969) which extended his researches beyond the City and *The Archaeology of London* (1975) which surveyed the region from the Stone Age to the Dark Ages.

Ralph Merrifield's father died when he was three and he was brought up by his mother, who went back to teaching to provide for herself and her son. Educated at Varndean Grammar School, Brighton, he gave up the chance of going on to university to become an assistant at Brighton Museum in 1930. Studying in his spare time, he took a London external degree in anthropology five years later.

He served in the RAF during the Second World War interpreting aerial photographs. In 1944 he served in India and Indonesia.

After demobilisation he returned to his job at the Brighton Museum; in 1950 he was appointed Assistant Keeper to the Corporation of London's Guildhall Museum.

He arrived in London at a time when archaeologists were attempting, in extremely difficult circumstances, to salvage what they could of the remains of Roman and medieval London from a city more than a third destroyed by German bombing and which now faced extensive redevelopment. These campaigns effectively culminated in the discovery by Professor Grimes in 1954 of the Mithraeum close to the Walbrook.

As Deputy Keeper of Guildhall Museum from 1960 to 1975 Merrifield was much concerned with the preparation of the Prehistoric and Roman Gallery for the new Museum of London in the Barbican, which was brought into being by the merger of the Guildhall and London museums.

From the outset of his career he was a firm believer in the need for what he termed "archaeological sustenance" to support ideas about the past. This to a large extent explains his Herculean efforts both at Guildhall, and later the Museum of London, where he was Deputy Director between 1977 and 1978, to ensure that archaeological organisations were established in London which could deal with the destruction caused by the redevelopment of sites.

His efforts led to the establishment of the Guildhall Museum's Department of Urban Archaeology for the City in 1973 as well as the setting up during the early 1970s of field organisations for Southwark and other parts of London. These were all brought together as the Department of Greater London Archaeology at the Museum of London in 1983.

During his 28 years at the Museum of London, Merrifield had several spells away. In 1956 he visited the Gold Coast to help establish what was to be the National Museum of Ghana and in 1976 pursued his anthropological interests in the Far East.

In recent years Merrifield, like many, was troubled by the changes imposed on London archaeology by English Heritage and he backed the appointment of the Standing Conference on London Archaeology to gauge their effects.

Retirement from the Museum of London in 1978 left him with more time to write, and among his later achievements were two further books. *London City of the Romans* (1983) was a history of Londinium and its environs drawing widely on the results of the large number of excavations that had taken place in the previous 15 years. *The Archaeology of Ritual and Magic* (1987) reflected his interest in folklore and religion and was written in the hope that it would correct what he termed, "the tendency of archaeologists to let evidence for ritual activity sink without trace".

He published many other papers and returned to the study of the Walbrook Valley in the Roman period. Here he demonstrated, with intellectual persuasion that, contrary to the view of recent writers, a ritual rather than a secular origin best explained the quantities of metalwork deposited in the stream bed.

Merrifield's powers in no way diminished with age; neither did his commitment to London archaeology. He continued to exercise his wide range of interests and to communicate them through writing and teaching. Less than a month before his death he was in Northampton lecturing to extra-mural students on "Magic Protection of the Home".

Merrifield was elected a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries in 1951. In that year he married Lysbeth Webb who survives him with their son and daughter.

LADY RAMSEY



The Ramseys leaving for the Soviet Union in July 1962

Lady Ramsey, widow of the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury, died yesterday in Oxford aged 84. She was born on September 16, 1910.

JOAN RAMSEY served the Church of England with a dedication remarkable not only for its length, as the constantly present wife of Michael Ramsey, but also for the humour, humanity and independence of mind which she brought to her role.

Born in Lincolnshire, Joan Hamilton — as she then was — spent a significant part of her childhood in Ireland. She developed an attachment to that country which never left her; its troubles deeply troubled her.

It was while she was chauffeuse-secretary to Leslie Owen, the Bishop of Jarrow, that she came to know Michael Ramsey, then the young Bishop of Durham. He asked her to visit him one day and proposed marriage to her over a cup of tea. They married on April 8, 1942, in the Galilee Chapel of Durham Cathedral. Their relationship had a devotion and constancy of rare quality. Unfailing in her concern for his every need, Joan nevertheless provided what he regarded as the most important assistance of all: "Clergy wives are very, very, very important, don't you see? They prick the bubble."

Joan Ramsey's determination to treat all people equally was in startling contrast to the domestic regimes she inherited, particularly after Rosamond Fisher's rule at Lambeth. She knew people's names, be they royalty or cleaner. She knew their children's names and their joys and sorrows. She delighted in startling people by her refusal to accept the detachments of her social elevation. She had a mischievous set of private nicknames, affectionate towards some, scurrilous towards others, and an ability to caricature snobbery or pomposity with short and devastating phrases matched only by a clarity of vision concerning Church affairs and rivalries. She was always a champion of the underdog.

The one huge and privately-born sadness of her life was their failure to have children, a sadness she ameliorated by her fun with, and encouragement of, young people wherever she met them all over the world.

The other sadness was the seven years she spent after her husband's death. Always welcoming to a stream of visitors she nevertheless longed, with lively faith, for the "doxa" — the glory — of which he so often spoke.

HENDRIK SCHOEMAN



Hendrik Schoeman, former South African Minister of Agriculture and of Transport, died from a gunshot wound on his farm near Delmas, Eastern Transvaal, on February 12 aged 67. He was born in Delmas on June 11, 1927.

AS THE senior member of the Cabinet, Hendrik Schoeman was sworn in as Acting President in 1986 when P. W. Botha made a brief and controversial visit to France. As the aircraft took off from Johannesburg airport, Schoeman turned to his grim-faced colleagues and told them: "In my office at 9am. There's going to be a Cabinet reshuffle." It was typical of a man noted for a broad sense of humour, often as earthy as his farming roots. He spurned formality and once declared: "Only moffies [practising homosexuals] wear cufflinks."

Soon after being elected to parliament in 1966 he was privately rebuked by the Speaker over the unrestrained tone of his speeches. During one in 1977, when he was Minister of Agriculture, he asserted: "No one goes to bed hungry in South Africa." This was at the height of the apartheid era when tens of thousands of people were being forcibly uprooted from their homes under the "black spot" removals system and Group Areas Act, but there was no criticism of his remark by the National Party.

Two years later controversy did erupt when it was disclosed that he used child labour on his farms and that some workers were paid as little as 80 cents (about 40p at the time) a day. Schoeman had appointed his son Kallie as managing director of his farming interests, which extended for more than 26,000 acres in the Eastern Transvaal, when he joined the Cabinet.

Hendrik Stephanus Johannes Schoeman was born into a farming family with an impeccable Afrikaner political heritage — both his grandfather and great-grandfather were Boer War generals. After school in Pretoria he studied agriculture in the United States.

He then returned home where, with the National Party newly in power, he rapidly expanded the family's estates. He was appointed chairman of several agricultural societies, was made a director of Volkskas, the Afrikaner-controlled bank, and was also a member of the Broederbond.

He was elected to parliament in 1966 and became a deputy Minister of Agriculture two years later and a Cabinet member as the minister in 1972. In 1978 he was regarded as a contender for the leadership of the National Party in the Transvaal. But he withdrew in favour of Dr Andries Treurnicht who was later to break away and form the right-wing Conservative Party.

Schoeman became Transport Minister in a Cabinet reshuffle in 1980 and, under his leadership, trains were desegregated on South African railways. He also became leader of the white House of Assembly in the tri-cameral parliament of separate white, Coloured and Indian chambers.

He resigned from the Cabinet and from parliament in 1986 when his wife Christelle became seriously ill. Soon afterwards he remarked that P.W. Botha's greatest achievement was "keeping his Cabinet together after I quit". But it was not too long before South Africa's most autocratic Afrikaner ruler was himself ousted from office by F. W. de Klerk.

His son Kallie found him dead — from what police said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound — in his car among the ripening mealie (maize) crop not far from the spot where his eldest son, Christiaan, committed suicide in 1974. It was a personal tragedy that Schoeman never got over.

Schoeman leaves his wife, his son and daughter.

MARIAN BOHUSZ-SZYSZKO

Marian Bohusz-Szyszko, artist, died on January 28 aged 93. He was born in Trokiemniki, Poland, on February 2, 1901.



WHEN Marian Bohusz-Szyszko arrived in England after the Second World War at the age of 45 he was almost unknown as an artist in this country, although he had established a reputation in his homeland. By the time he held his first one-man exhibition in England in 1959, *The Guardian*'s art critic Eric Newton was ready to call him "a great artist," generously adding, "and great, as opposed to competent or interesting, artists are rare".

Bohusz-Szyszko acquired a unique place as a contemporary religious painter. His works were not only admired by the art world but they came to have a symbolic influence on the modern hospice movement, whose founder Dame Cicely Saunders, OM, he married in 1980. More than sixty of his paintings are on permanent display at the St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham, where he died.

Born while most of Poland was still part of the Russian Empire, he fought in the 1920 war that established Poland's frontiers. He showed an early talent for mathematics and drawing and much of his career, including five years in a German PoW camp during the Second World War, was spent in teaching these two subjects. A graduate of the noted Fine Arts School in Cracow, he was an exhibitor in Poland before the war; but, like many émigrés, he had to rebuild his career after coming to England in November 1946. His first London show was at Grabowski's gallery in 1959 and as he moved from his earlier analytical realism to Expressionist modes he had successful exhibitions in Europe and the United States.

Although Bohusz-Szyszko was a brilliant portraitist, he increasingly devoted himself to such Christian images as the Archangels, the Madonna and the crucified Christ. For him, painting was truly the music of God, and that vision sustained him at his easel.

He gave himself with equal dedication to Polish causes, and especially the Polish community in London where he founded the Polish School of Art soon after his arrival in Britain, and played an active role in the Polish Institute.

Marian Bohusz-Szyszko was first married to Zofia Lubienska, from whom he was permanently separated by the war and who died in Cracow in 1973. They had one son whom his father saw for the first time in 20 years when he visited England in 1959. Bohusz-Szyszko originally met Dame Cicely when she came to his exhibition at the Drian Gallery in 1963 and bought one of his paintings — *Christ Calming the Waves* — believing that it would add to the atmosphere she desired in her then newly launched hospice. Bohusz-Szyszko became artist-in-residence there in 1977 and his paintings continue to have an influence on all who work, or are cared for, at the hospice.

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A regrettable development took place this morning in connexion with the tomb of Tutankhamen, as a result of which the following notice was posted up in the hotels here:—

"Owing to impossible restrictions and discourtesies on the part of the Public Works Department and its Antiquity Service, all my collaborators, in protest, have refused to work any further upon the scientific investigations of the discovery of the tomb of Tutankhamen. I, therefore, am obliged to make known to the public that immediately after the Press view of the tomb this morning between 10 a.m. and noon, the tomb will be closed and no further work carried out.—(Signed) HOWARD CARTER."

To the general public this came as a tremendous surprise, but not so to those who know something of what has gone on during the past four months and the attitude the Egyptian Government recently adopted towards this work . . .

The story of the events immediately preceding this latest development is as follows:—

Less than ten days ago Mr. Carter went to Cairo in order to come to some amicable arrangement in regard to the opening of the sarcophagus with the Egyptian authorities, who, without any real right, were making all manner of demands in this connexion. He made what then appeared to be a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

It was agreed that on the opening day, that is, yesterday, the ceremony should take place in the presence of a representative of the Ministry of Public Works, responsible officials of the antiquities service, the members of Mr. Carter's staff, and the leading archaeologists, whom out of courtesy he decided to invite to this important ceremony. This morning was to be reserved for the Press visit, and as soon as the work of recording could be completed the tomb was to be thrown open to duly authorized visitors for 10 days.

Mr. Carter returned to Luxor and made arrangements for the opening. On the day before that fixed for the ceremony he received a notification from the Government that, outside the Government representatives, he could not admit more than 12 people, including the staff. This was not only contrary to the arrangement made at Cairo, but was a direct insult to the leading archaeologists who the Government knew had received invitations.

Mr. Carter had a conversation with the Under-Secretary of State for Public Works on the morning of the opening, and the Government, after some discussion, withdrew its objection, and those originally invited attended the ceremony. In the course of conversation with the Under-Secretary, Mr. Carter referred to the fact that, as an act of courtesy to his collaborators, he had invited their families to visit the tomb to-day—the day of the Press visit. Immediately objection was raised, and the Under-Secretary stated that, while personally agreeable, he must communicate with his Minister at Cairo. Early this morning, Mr. Carter received the following letter from the Under-Secretary of Public Works:—

S.s. Missir, Feb.12.

Dear Mr. Carter,—I regret to inform you that I have received a telegram from the Minister of Public Works, in which he regrets that the arrangement come to with the Ministry does not permit the admission of the wives of your collaborators to the tomb tomorrow, February 13.—Yours sincerely, M.A.ZAGHLUL . . .

ON THIS DAY

February 14 1924

Howard Carter's path during the Tutankhamun excavations was never smooth. He complained that he had not the full support of The Times *(which had bought the world rights): he quarrelled with the press because of those rights and was often at odds with the Egyptian authorities.*



VALENTINES



A

A.J. Absence will make our love even stronger. Miss you terribly. S.P

ABIDAT Laila be my Valentine forever. Happy Valentine. Lots of love, Krishan.

ACE OF HEARTS. This is a message from the Founder, Chairman and Managing Director of the Darrell "Ace" Jones Fan Club. I love you. Bunny.

ADAM Eight lively years later I still love you. The best is yet to come. Yours Lettie

ADAMSKI. Madonna has a lot to answer for! All my love, Benny

ADORABLE Diane with love from David.

AGILE ANNA I heart you more than flowers can say. Mr Grumpy.

AJAX GIRL - Just another way to say I love you.

AJBW RT - you are the best husband in the world. I love you Jelly moulds S.C.

AJR Though we are still apart I still love you Lesley

AJR: When one is blissfully married, does one still place Valentine ads in The Times. I wonder? Hypothetically speaking, of course. Love CC

ALAN, forever friends, forever love, forever us. I love you. Sam XXXX

ALESSANDRA La piu piccola e piu bella sarai sempre la mia piccolina amore

ALEX - I love you, love & other public displays of affection?

ALISON. Lis Hurley may adorn my wall but you are the fairest of them all. Hugs and kisses. Andy McNabb.

ALISON forget Rio and Jasmine, lets stick together for us, love Les.

ALISON Cornelius - you smell as enticing as you look, as beautiful as you are.

ALISON Wocial Sarker. You really are something special. The Nurse.

ALLY Baileys in bed light-pull or two requesting romantic "Picnic" Teddy3 loves you. xxxx.

AMANDA heavenly creature, to me you will always be the most beautiful girl in the world. Wish you were mine.

AMANDA Get a life now - you know it works! Roger

AMAR darling, you are my dream come true. I love you. KJ.

AMARYLLIS darling, I love you, miss you, want you always. M. xxxxx.

ANDREW Tall attractive female requires sexy fun loving man with Overflach for leisurely lunch and afternoon in bed - Love Kathryn

ANDREA you mean the world to me. Love you forever. Chris xxx.

ANDREW Happy Valentines Day, love you lots and lots, love Hazel.

ANDRE. I love you with all my heart forever and always. Chubb

ANDY, I Nationally confirm I love you now do you believe me Anoel

ANGEL eyes, love you alllllways, we melted into each others eyesss. Graham xxxxxxxxx

ANGEL Now you really are the Lady who is required. Love you always. Maw's Wee Wean.

ANGELA thanks for everything, especially Hannah, love you both Marshall Stacks. Peter.

ANGEL, your smile lights my life. Your touch enchants my heart D

ANGIE I Love You now and for always Len

ANGY: One learner heads over to churchyard tree, leaves right after

ANI Bunny, It's not funny, another year and still no honey. Q

ANITA TIWARI - Four months two weeks four days, roll on July 22nd. Love Ash

ANNA "Happy is the woman who can call today her own," but please keep some time for your tender friend.

ANNABEL You are the one that I adore, almost as much as a brown Labrador. Woof!

ANNA - Hi Beautiful One! Love and kisses from The Other Side of The Swamp

ANNA MACDONALD From someone who loves and cares for you with all his heart love Chris.

ANN as requested no package just all my love as always B

ANNE. Five years my valentine now marry me. I love you. Dave.

ANNE Atkinson. Thanks darling for 25 loving years and forever, love James.

ANNE Corsets and directoires will be fine you are still my valentine.

ANNE my darling, love of my life forever. You mean everything to me. Please don't wait too long. Love John.

ANNETTE Did I tell you our love is forever and a day.

ANNETTE, all my love to you on this Valentines Day. Kisses. Roy

ANNIE As a breed your playing fingers set hearts leaping. HLMJ

ANN my heart and soul are yours forever. Love Bolly Boy.

ANN our bridge of love knows no bounds. all my love Muggins.

ANTHONY with each passing day my love for you grows. your, Lois.

ANTIQUARIAN whiz-kid fly with me, no strings attached. Super Bean.

ANTONY McEvoy: You are wonderful and handsome, be mine forever. Love Vikki.

APEMAN Are we "Sort of" back together again then? Love always, Redhead.

2A QTQC 2B I hereby sentence you to be mine for infinity. Right to appeal withheld. Right honourably yours. SLEVM.

A spanking if you spot this Lisa. From a secret admirer of long legs and short tennis skirts.

ASSUNTA, Always remember how much I love You Happy Valentines Day xxxxx

AS with previous years hugs and snugs to the Wigs from Mr Wigg and the Teds.

ATW. Please never forget the pouring rain, the cobbled streets and the pink champagne. Missing you

AURIOL I love you dearly, profoundly and madly. Many more like me love you too, but I the most.

AVOCAT du diable sweetface! WWBWY golf with Shalom OK. If I win ADMVEDP. Love from your older son!

AVRIL - Love you more than these few words can ever say. Jerry.

1A You're more than your Knobbly. Old women are better long term.

AYP. Truly, madly, deeply - and, believe me, irreversibly. Come home soon.

B

B. Conservami La Bella Che Si m'accende il cor B.

B.D. to go beyond the seven year itch - please keep scratching! Lumpy.

B. This year. No verse or worse - just my love - John

BABE'S of mine is who you are my Pree my shining star.

BABS You will always be my darling Poppet year after year. All my love Raphael

BABU, What about me! And your Miss your heavy breathing and kisses Love Nucha

BAERBEL You light up my life in so many wonderful ways; I love you for it, now and always. Robby

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BAGGEY Balls. Hugs and kisses, love Wifey and JBEAN

BALWOODS my sweet sweet something to eat. I'm yours forever in love.

BARBARA Lady in Red. Only one heart and I will always love you. Precious. XXXXXX

BATEARS 8 years on and the bastard still loves you lots especially under the downey

B-BE I will love you and your beautiful brown eyes forever X

BEANIE Love her daddy lots & lots & lots & lots & lots & lots & lots & lots. Oh! and thumper too.

BEARMAN Ti amo tantissimo. Tons and tons, forever and forever XXX K.

BEARSIE Love you with all my heart now and always Mrs Bear.

BEC - Life wouldn't be complete without you, missing you today Wyssm J'adore.

BEING so far apart makes my love for darling Ann even brighter, sharper and more profound.

BELINDA you're still the best and always will be. yours forever. Stephen.

BELLE: Bonkers Bob Dog is still barking for you. Lots of Woofs Bob.

BEN I love you very much for always. all my love Lor.

BERRISFORD only you hold the key. I love you. Bat.

BERT FORD. sunny spells continuing indefinately. Friendship, respect and affection unconditional. Dorothy.

BESOTTED Cat aspires to move via GWR with lush American medic.

BIG bunny Henry sends all his love to his most wonderful little bunny sweet darling Jane and her adorable acolytes

BIGBUM as my strength has grown from boy to man, so has my love. Powerful Paddy.

BIG "M" The horniest man alive love and kisses Mr Wigleys mate

BIG Rabbit don't be sad or blue your Wigby always loves you.

BIG Sherp I love you with all my heart kisses Little Sherp.

BILLY and Freddy wish I was with you today. Love USA Bill.

BILL you light up my life, love you forever and always. Rosie.

BILLY the goat is quackers about Jemima Puddleduck.

BINAIFER, always thinking of you, your favourite kebab.

BINKY Always remember it's so much friendlier with two! Love you James.

BLUEBELL Twenty years on and still thinking of you, love from Snoopy.

BOBBIN its lucky 7. Here's to 70 more. Foreign fruit still wonderful.

BOBBY West J21 Texas. Captor of my heart, always and forever. "J".

BOB Thank you for a wonderful sixteen months. All my love as always. Larraine.

BODBIE You are the best and Paddy loves you lots and lots.

BOD You're bananas. I'm fruit. Together we should make real fruit cake.

BOGGY Bits. Thank you for all your love and support over the last few difficult months. Everything will be fine. I love you to the moon ... and back! Happy birthday from the donkey in the next field. Chris, Breyon, Mars Bar and Arfer. xxx

BOO another year but we all love you more deeply.

BOOKEND L.H. I love you. Bookend R.H.

BOOTHY. You mean the world to me, I will love you always. Let's be Happy. Keith.

BOSSY our teeth should touch more often, just book the room. Lemon.

BRAMFLAKE & Friends We miss you and love you whatever, whenever, however forever. Nip, Tuck and Gooseberry

BRENDA Luckham Love of my life. Luv from The Cave Man

BRENDA - You can rub my back and have a foot do anytime

BRIAN I love you always and forever. Hugs and kisses love Anne.

BRIDGET Sands, Bognor Regis College 1982. Thanks for the postcard. Love SF.

BRIMLEY lady - umpteen thanks for all the love and good times from your G91000 biker.

BROAD. Baked, French and Green, in all its forms I love the bean.

BROWN EYES Love you lots will loose weight I promise Fatty Norm

BROWN eyes little one I think you are wonderful

BUBBA, Lala and Gravaly seek loving Valentine with GSOH for huge xx.

BUBBLES Be my soft round Valentine. Motek

BUB Darling. Be my Valentine for the 27th time! All my love as ever. Bap.

BUBSEY Booboos 84-95 love you forever noisily. Bolsterow

BUBS is loved and adored by 2 and X and M.

BUDDHA MAN I love you more than the whole wide world. Love, R.F.R.

BUGGALUGS, you are my precious, blossom, flower, gorgeous, girl. From Mr Lugs.

BUGLES Bear. My darling BB, yes, another from me. My love is yet true, still burping like new. Here's hoping this year brings us no tears, says Stingy only love, happy happy joy joy.

BUNCH Henry sends love to you and Fiona and misses you both.

BUNNY. I am his Highness' bitch at Kew, I love him but he loves you. Woof

BUNNY Loves Porky Loves Porky.

BUNZLE: Bun Bear Piglet Camel Fish Hippy Eyore your family adores you!

BURROW Swan we are getting there slowly. I am Yours always. David

BUSH to Bush, 14 years you have bewitched me. Make it eternal.

BUTTON MUSHROOM It's boring but it's true I have always loved you. I love you now and always will. Jeremy.

BUTTONS I love your much even more and more. Kissy Face xxxxx

BUZZ seeks renewal of 26 year existing best friend travel companion relationship. Buzz is not an equal opportunity employer - only one need apply I love you. Pooh

BWANA Bear still loves his special lollipop very very much. Happy valentines

C

C. The more we're apart, the more we're together. One day S.

CAITLIN have I told you lately that I love you? Regards. Martin.

CAMILLA Can't wait till the 22nd of July. Love you lots and lots, eventhough you're a monster. Love Tufty

CAN'T live without you eight three one for ever Julie yours Timbo

CAPTAIN Kirk. Boldly go to Paddington with the witch. She loves you

CAPTAIN'S LOG Loves Mr Willy. See you tonight in bar

CAR L'Amour est plus fort que Les Dieux et la mort car l'amour est plus fort que la mort

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CARLA. Elementary my Darling, but more beautiful than ever, as years go by. Love always. A

CAROLINE you positively grace the Quercus Ilex Limnetis Cum Rubra with your luminous presence they must count themselves fortunate Himself.

CAROLE I still love you so much. Thanks for still being here. your hopefully long term employed tiger. xoxo.

CAROLINE - One lump or two I'll always love you. No. 1 fan Robby

CAROL O My Luve's like a red red rose that's newly sprung in June

CAROL the lady who forgets Birthdays. I forgive you. Where's the champagne?

CAROLE With you my life is complete, I love you dearly. Gordon. XXXXXXXXXXXX

CAROL dear, drink with me only but leave a kiss in the cup for your Charlie.

CAROL will the thermos flask preserve your delicious fragrance deepest love Steven.

CAROLYN Boggle champ, you've won me over Let's Connect 4 longer. Slartibartfast.

CARO, long live long table cloths, Ich liebe dich

CARTER Suzanne - We have all the love in the world. Martin.

CATHERINE: Stunning, sexy, trendy, smart, gorgeous, beautiful, charming, no wonder I love you more than ever...... Tim XXXX

CATHERINE: St. G's, Victoria: missed your walk too long. Soon unfettered. May Balls beckon. Lunch soon St. J's?

CATHERINE Thank You for all your love patience and "milk" Hugh Daniel

CATHERINE Patricia Hay, just a reminder of all my love for you

CATH you mean so much to me. Happy Valentines Day, Love Gary.

CAT. I fancy the pants off you! lus xx All xx

CAT still desperately seeking Pixie. Sans Lutina Il Est Seulement Un Vieux Chat Avec La Cœur Brisé. Absolument Brisé.

CEE the Bunny, love you to pieces, Pis, Dodger and Chief Rabbit.

CESSY loves Lavvy. XXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXX

CHAD Group wants you to know that their Dad loves you from Tip to Toe

CHARLEY. We'll love you forever. Damn Patience. Want you now! Humphrey n'Rick

CHESHIRE Cat. Thanks fifteen glorious years. The best still yet to come.

CHIKAKO Your beguiling smile, your graceful charm, your warm and honest heart. I love them all Simon

CHIP, thanks for a great two weeks. These fortnights do seem to go on for a long time. Love, Me.

CHIS Be my Valentine. Hugs, love kisses and close shaves CACCY

CHORISTER. Not quite lovers, much more than friends, so very special. I am your devoted and adoring jester.

CHRISTOPHER, You are my love forever and always, thank you for saving me. Your wicket Cindy.

CHRIS - Most appreciative, articulate sensual lover in the world. Thank you! Butterfly

CHRISTINE Here's to another 26 years of hugs and kisses. Boy.

CINDY Darling I love you more each day, and will never stop my search for your Bourbon Crumbs. Love Smorgy.

CJT VMT DDB ABBA Bunkers Inter City Arbroath Marlborough Eid Can't forget

CLAIRE, The bear shows I care, wear it forever. Love you, Teddy

CLAIRE what's green, hops and appears three times in a jolly song?

CLAIRE ARMSTRONG. A Midsummer Night's Dream Act III Scene 2 Lines 161-167.

CLAIRE, You are and will always be forever in my heart. Steve.

CLAIRE BEAR - Elegant and beautiful as always, love you One Tap Roonie. XXX

CLAIRE you're the best thing that ever happened, all my love R.

CLARE Blackburn London 1966. Remember our love, remember our laughter, remember whispered joys. Always, everywhere. Freddie.

CLARE Sudweeks - I love you even more than Newcastle United. Yours, Brian

CLARE - Hope you are not too surprised, have a lovely day. R. XXX

CLAVERLEY Closer: your strange brew is really cracking! Dig you! Girl Thursday.

CHOM. If you ever need a huggle I'm always here. 123

COCO, the Sardine loves you, you little horror. Lots of love, RL.

COD Battered as I am I miss you. be my Bear Grubs.

COLIN Remember the soldier of York he still loves you dearly

COLLEEN Thanks for being a very special person. I love you. Stephen.

COOCOO Papa Man, I love you always, from your Bangle Dei Woman.

COPPERNOB Nellie Matthew and me love and adore you as does Poppa.

CORINNE, six weeks now, what is happening, I love you. Stephen, Blackpool.

CORKY let's pop off together and get really buttered up, love Crusty.

COTE Vermeille and Maria von R, golden breasts and green eyes, I have loved you from the first, guess who.

CUGGY with all my love Cuggy and all the Teddy Bears.

CUSSYPAT Je T'Aime Toi

D

D.B. Love like yours is hard to find, that's why it's hard to let go. Champagne, strawberries at 10pm? S.W.

DAISY What a long hard year! I've given problems, that's been clear. You're always there, I know that much. Hunk will return and get in touch.

DARLING Margaret Terry loves you. You are the most wonderful, beautiful woman in the world.

DARLING Annette the bag lady from Ditchling. Be with You through all seasons, I'll always hear you, when You call.

DARLING Jean. At 74 years old you are more lovely and precious than ever to husband Raymond Bishop (77 yrs!)

DARLING SHAK, time will never change my love, for it belongs to you forever. love Parveen.

DARLING Zakia, the poetry in your body and soul bring such sweet peace to my life. I love you. Rubbie.

DARLING Doobance. Does this mean no sleep until pension day? Guess so. Eternal surrender. Philip.

DARLING Bridget, the days without seeing you or hearing your voice go so slowly. I love you very much.

DARLING Squeezy. Life without you is like a broken pencil. Pointless. Almost after Norway. Tell Eric to prepare a speech!

DARLING Study we all love you very much, hugs and kisses Paul Fraser. Bundle and Prudence

DARLING E. We have shared love and wonderment that cannot fade. I am here, now and always. Giddy.

DARLING G. I yearn for your warm heart and soft lips. anon.

DARLING Raji your husband loves you so much. good health. Pannaa.

DARLING Lin. Bell, Forte and others were only the beginning. Our love will last forever. G.

DARLING Khurshid HVD Loving you more greater each year that passes. S.F.

DARLING Bunny please be my Valentine for ever, from your loving Ricky.

DARLING Ann thankyou for 25 wonderful happy years. All my love Roger

DARLING It's simply that I love you very much and always will.

DARLING Bear whose always there for me. Love you hesses Piglet xxx

DARLING Kings Wings all my love hot kisses and mmmm... Rumie Boothie.

DARLING Barbara and sweet sarah, my love for you is endless. Martin. XXXXXXXX

DARLING SWEETIE. Thanks for hanging in there. Against All my Love R

DARLING Twinkle my super Star. Love you forever - Dimlick

DARLING JOHN Such fun together, Bury, York, The World. Love you. D.

DARLING Remember the dawn creeping over our bed through mullioned windows - bliss.

DARLING Pussy, get Oz' behind you then lets live together. Randy Tom.

DARLING CHICA - Forget St Paul's, your my first choice always.

DARLING M. with you I love to dabble, especially over a game of Scrabble Cxxx

DARLING Charlie. let's make another charlie mould. I love you. Love Louise.

DARLING I love you. don't ever never forget. D I L Y

DARRON I love you with all of my heart. Happy Valentines Day from your wife Wendy.

DAVE Hyde Park will never be the same again. Neither will I. Ela - Phants never forget

DAVE I love you the way You make me laugh. Always Yours, Katie

DAVID Just another opportunity to say I miss you. Much Love, Pam

DAVID, I love you more than ever. Thankyou for our beautiful daughters. All love, Antonia.

DAVID in Harare, I miss you terribly with all my love Sally.

DAWN Spectrum 558. I live for Wednesdays. Be mine. Scarlet Pimpernel XX.

DDF Some day your frog will turn into a prince. love KF.

DD shared concern wonder anticipated, love R.

DEAN PRICE. Thanks for being there for me. All my love Debbie

DEAN, Yes I do love you and we can work it out! All my love Lynne.

DEAR Agathe Waldmannsfeet and much love Max.

DEAR Berto, loving thoughts to a very special lady today. Ever Jimbo.

DEAR Bob. I think you are the best, with love from Fred.

DEAR Chicken all my love always and forever. Love from Spence xxxx

DEAR comfy old sofa, thanks for the love we share. Will X.

DEAREST Catherine as lovely as ever you bring joy and happiness to everyone, especially to the criminal classes. Love Bippins.

DEAREST Shin Ein. a promise with all my heart, with all my soul, till death do us part. Love KNL.

DEAREST Francesca. our love will grow stronger with each passing day. Forever in my heart. Sigh.

DEAREST Inga. will you marry me? I love you, always Jasmiko Saner.

DEAREST LA. Looking forward to spending all our valentine days together in the future. F.

DEAREST Florence, guess who loves you very very much? It's your Freddie!

DEAREST Annabel, loving you every day in every way. yours always, Tom

DEAREST Kate Happy Valentines day. Lots of love Kenny.

DEAREST chatterbox I love you. What more can I say. Peter.

DEAREST Nikoo. I can not wait until we are together for ever.

DEAR Lucy let me play with your belly button. and I will bring a smile to your face. Lots of love Slaphead.

DEAR Manolos Jarmanian, wow woo, wots and wots. Sorry, can't help it. Truely, madly, deeply. Woublewooland.

DEAR MELLY Happy Valentines Love from your Boys Brett, Nicky, Jamie

DEAR PLC I love you, will you marry me. Love JPC.

DEAR Rachna Jasmbin, we are two love bugs made for each other, love anik.

DEAR Stick Trix, you defrag my Floppy, compress my Hard Data and turn Little Tufty on.

DEBBIE Dean All my love xxx

DEBBIE Truro isn't that far, only twice the distance I Missing you, all my love Hank XXX

DEBBIE - Shall we celebrate our love and commitment with marriage. Love Alan

DEB let's raise a glass, or is it a cup, to a lifetime of love and happiness. PB.

DEBONAIR Bear. By the Mersey or the Shannon you will always be the only one

DEBORAH In spite of what you might read elsewhere on this page, 'your' remain the loveliest lady in the world. David

DEBS Have I Ever Told You That I Love You. No I Do Still Always Jaye

DEBS I will be there whenever you need me. I love you with all my heart. Today, tomorrow, forever. Stupid.

DEEBS, doodah, debor, dart, fats, fish flicks, clicks, chicken, swish, plus 18 loved by Blobs

DEE Meine Liebling, Ich Liebe dich immer. Sei meine Valentine, deiner Stretch.

DEE The most wonderful girl in the world, all my love Mike.

DEIDRE 20 Great years already. Time goes when enjoyed. Love always Graham

DEIRDRE All my love as always from your very own pigface xxx

DEJECTED by Friday, I netted you saturday. love you every day.

DELICIOUS our Holiday at the Inn was exquisite, love you forever, J.

DELPHINE Mon amour. Je t'aime pour la vie. Tendrement Florent

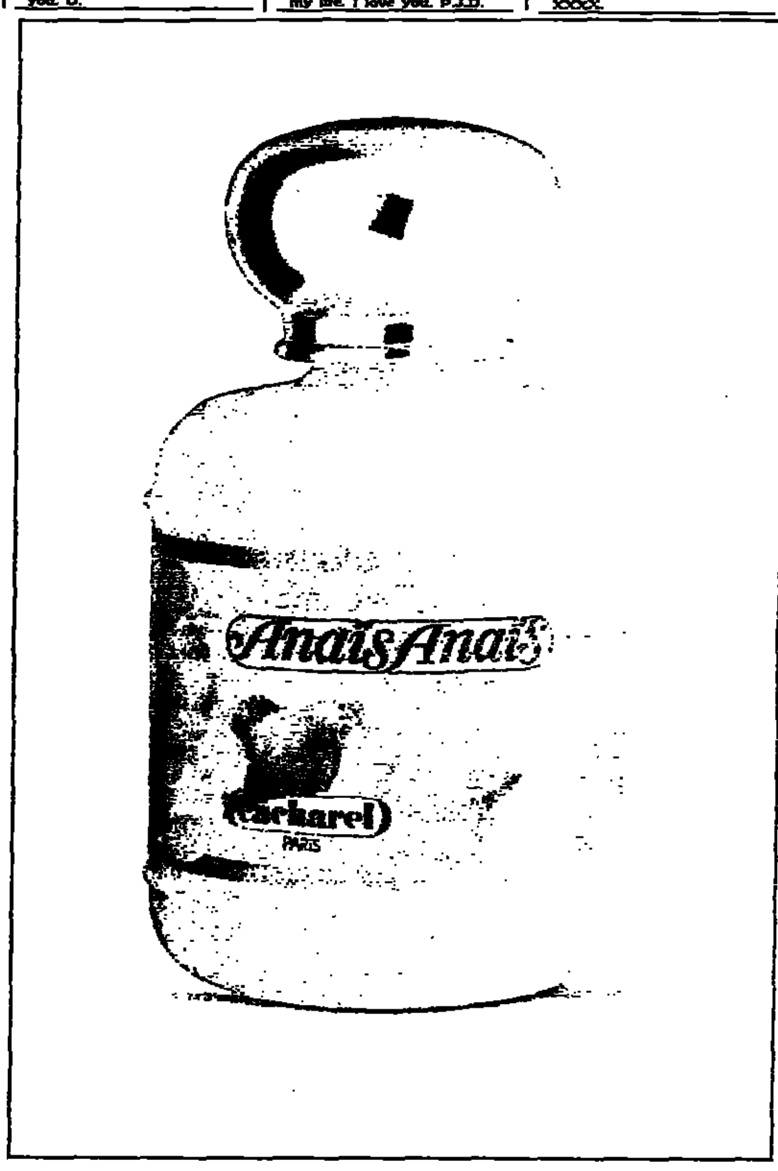
DENISE Nath . Love you forever With lots of Love. Mahendra X X X X X X

DENISE I love you. Thanks for Leon & Joseph. Simon.

DEREK Have a very happy Valentine's Day. All my love, always. Bunny.

DESERT RAT In love with Wooly Alpaca looks forward to balls of fun in new sqcoat.

DEVINELY devine and framed to perfection: Ellie darling, what more can I say: except I love you. D.



DIDDLY wumps be my Valentine and you can have all the duvet. Wooler.

DINGBAT Happy Valentines Day. Love you as always. Cuddles. Love from Wombat.

DIPPY: so close no matter how far; nothing else matters. Love Chris.

DIPPY DOO Je t'aime. The most beautiful bird of paradise. Honey Bunny.

DIPPY DI - Looking forward to Monkey Island on May 29, with love. Cranky.

DI The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved and you are.

DOMINIQUE Don't forget our date in Lagos on 1st March OK? John.

DONNA dear, it's thirty love and does not fade. John Charles.

DON'T Know your name. But no matter! To the sauciest boy at UEA law school, 2nd year, v.short brown hair, 5'8, sometimes wears blue checked shirt, white baseball cap. Possesses Wilson-Staff racquet & cutest boyish face. Thanks for making Trusts lectures so interesting. Your secret Crd year, male admirer. XXXXX

"DON'T say you're sorry. Feed me the same excuse. Didn't show enough affection. How am I to love?" BLAMELESS.

DORIS DARLING - in Old Pompey hold me in your memory. Frank.

DR.S. I want you, I love you. Two balls at 8:30 today?

DR. TOM I will love you for eternity.

DRAGULE Aurelian Te iubesc si piept parez salata rost te pup Adison.

DUCKLING: My warmest kisses are on their way, get ready to pucker on Valentine's Day! Love you forever XXX.

DUCK Our love will last for ever its not just academic Parrot.

DUNCAN Love you squillions and always will, Thankyou for marrying me. Claire.

DWN Loves his perfectly shaped Black SE6 beamer infinity x infinity + 2

E

E. You cannot imagine how sweet and pretty you were and are still for me.

"EAST. The way you play the hand you have been dealt with such finesse shows you are a diamond. Until the ford is bridged and I leave the country club you are in my heart. Man with a spade - West"

EFFIE. You know how much I love you. When will you be mine? Jxxx

EGHAM Chip Spring Rise from Abbot Detrop ES be my Valentine Abbot

EILEEN. I Love you. Let's play Doctors and Nurses again soon. A new addition?

ELAINE stick with me and the world is yours (money and houses may take a little time though).

ELAINE - You are my everything. I love you more than anything. Yours truly Tony

ELENA you know I love you. Now the world knows too. Brian.

ELIZABETH Joan My Darling through all the children and changes infuriatingly affectionately Yours with love Alastair

ELIZABETH Tellow I love you very much and will always. Love Simon

ELIZABETH.P. Please don't worry sweetheart, everything will be OK with Peddet. Mr. P.

ELIZABETH not for just a day but always Love 29% Roger

ELLIE You have given me gentleness and respect. Now an exciting life of great happiness beckons us. Think about it. J.

EL Tel you're my life, thanks for everything, all my love Sue.

EMILY MLA, Miss you much. Love you more. See you soon. M.

EMMA and Elvie I love you and especially your air guitar

EMMA Darling I love you so who this is you must know XXXXXX

EMMA from far distant yonder: this poet who tells no lies; I'll give you anything; to be my Valentine. B.P.

EMMYBELLE The distance we'll travel this year is nothing compared to my love for you. Forever yours Pork Chop.

ENIGMATIC Elonian I love you with the Breath, Smiles, and Tears of all my life. Brenda

ENIGMA variations on your bidet for post is so slow for a hungry beast with love.

ERICA Tu illumines ma vie par ton amour et ta douceur. Merci Je t'aime. Eric

ERNESTO and Alfredo. Happy Valentines Day. From a lover of Sybarites.

Esp: ESPIAL, aspecial, pesky, with espirit, spend thrift, spellbinding, specifically expressive, spectacularly special to your adoring Slom

ESTHER, you're the best thing in my life. I love you. P.J.D.

ETHNIC Historian, my precious treasure, I will always love you, your advocate.

E-TYPE As ships now who pass in the night, let our weekends be special. Still love you after 27 years. Mini Cooper xxxx.

EUNICE Tyler. I love you. From your Irish valentine.

EUROBOY Two have become one; forever has begun... With pink passion, Paul.

EVEN in the face of adversity my love will always be there

F

FACE be my sugar dumpling type gecker lmpR. Love and stuff woop.

FAREWELL forties, forward for fabulous, fantastic, fashionable, fragrant, frolicsome, froggy, frilly, fifties.

FAREWELL Schumacher-Levy. With thanks for all our happy journeys. Japanese room misses you. Diwi Wyl.

FELICIA Happy Valentine. We all love you.

FELIX loves you very much. L.O.M.L.

FIFTEEN years, three extensions, two children, no dovecote, grey, but I love you.

FIONA, To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance. David.

FIONA - Simply the best! Love you tons - Mark and the Buggly xxxx

FIONA Ican still taste your toes. Miss you lots. A foreign admirer

FLAKE I'm aching for you baby I can't pretend I'm not. I need to see you. Much love. Flakette.

FLAPPS I will love you for ever, so what are you gonna do. Buzz

FLASH another anniversary another house another corner loving you as always Steve

FLIPPER Flapper Flopper thinks Roo's a super Whipper Whopper. Splotcher Splasher Splosher.

FLOPPY you are the best thing that ever happened to me. Brian

FLOWERLET A message to you appears here once more to tell you I love you more than ever before. Graham xxx

FLUDE I'm still your valentine as always, same message, new paper. XXX

FLUFFY Bunny. who needs dreams when there is you? Christopher Robin.

FOF - Quarante Ans - C'est Magnifique: many many more, with love - long face.

FOR a practical, romantic lady, first encountered on the steps to 'Venice'.

FORGET the Honey Calm it is only us. All my love G.

FOR H my Bermuda Babe my love and affection always from A

FOR my own darling sweet Harry who makes every day so wonderful. I adore you. Forever your own. R.

FOR our lovely Y The Boss I send all our love Henri.

FOR Rachel - please be our Valentine, now and always. Love William and Martin.

FRANCES

- I love my love with all my love an angel through and through, but if you knew my love my love then you would love her too

FRANKIE. Stop Phil please. Abba songs are off! Gurn. Chic. Check. Am. Nose.

FREDDY Don't talk of stars, burning above. If your in love. Show me! Eliza. XXX

FRED You're the best, I love you so much - Wally xxxx.

FRENCH Lizzie. Time is the problem! but it will get better, I promise! I still love you. David.

FRIENDLY Abattian seeks genuine Chihuahua for race days and love? X X

FROM Madeira to Grand Canaria you're dear to me all my love cloth cap and ferrets.

FROM Punchie the friendly St Lucian knuckle puncher to Gilly Jumpy.

FROSTIE, I love you dearly, you old soak.

FRU Je t'adore toujours de plus en plus et aussi Chloe Frumsm.

FRYING PAN I love you as always twix magic lasts forever snowy blossom one sunny summer's day.

FUFFY have I told you lately that I love you? Thanks for marrying me. Love you. Hunky Wunky Doodle Doos.

FUNNY Face. The stars died, dreams faded, but the memories linger Speedy.

FURRY slippers. We all love you loads. Biggles, Harry and TC XXXX.

G

G. I'll always be there, my RWA, your fantasy is mine, be my special friend. Happy 5th. Luv U & M.

G.R. Missing you this Valentine's Day. With all my love, Pip.

GARETH Burke I will always love you, no matter what. Love Samantha

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GEEZETTE Happy Valentines day, lots of love from Nobby Blagg.

GEMMA-LOU. be my beautiful valentine again and I'll love you forever.

GERRY remember Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. This one dwarf will love you forever. All my love darling Chabbs

GERRY. I Love You Darling For Being The Best Wife In The World. Deeph

GILL Crosswords, weekends & you. I need nothing more. All my love J.

GILLIAN Marshall Cupid knew
L is for Loyalty
O is for Oon
V is for Valentine
E is for Ewe !

GILLIAN: My fairest, my espoused, my latest found, Heaven's last best gift, my ever new delight.

GILLIE I love you more than words can say. and always will. Happy Valentine's Love Leon.

GILLIAN - The most gorgeous girl in Sloane Square, I love you. Mr G. See you soon

GILLIAN - Romantic weekend in the lakes? Lots of love xxxx.

GILL love you 'til Africa and China meet. Hugs, cuddles and kisses.

GILLY Boo, big kisses and hugs on this special day for love amore cromes bless, Papa.

GLORIA With all my love and promises for an exciting life ahead. Yours forever, Mr Munchkin

GLORIA Griffiths Nolite Secundus. All my love. P.

Goldenwondercabbageperson 1& 1612022 2126 7127251S1S2 13124 261323 21129220229 Wombat.

GORGEOUS. from now until the end of time, I hope you'll be my valentine. love Collie.

GRACE. My Darling. 3,500 miles of Atlantic Ocean will never dampen my profound love for you.

GRAHAM Wishing you much happiness. At home. Abroad. Always. Remember, you have a friend with dogs... Cheers! Cats and Dogs...

GRAHAM I want the world to know how much I love you. Oceans apart, but together forever, adoringly yours. Jenna.

GREY MOUSE sends screaming Ethel much love for three years of bliss. Bulging Bill sends love to James and Charl

GROUPER to Caniche - I love you. Don't be late

GRUBBY - the years role by yet our love grows stronger. Always. Grubby.

GRUMPY Old Ratty sends his love to his beloved Mole X X X

GUESS Who must be old Doc Pan!

GWEN I Love you more each day. Barbados here we come. Tom

GWEN Love you dearly. Your're the mustard on my sausages. J (A.F.)

H

H.B. Have I told you lately that I love you. Green Thing. X.

H. Thanks for last six months. please be my woman love Pipa.

HAIRY MAMMOTH I feel it in my fingers, I feel it in my toes - It's a Pants off Night tonight Happy Valentines Day. All my love Mel

HALLO "Snowdrop" I love you and have since those Siena days "Fluffy".

HAMBY Love you every second of the day. Forever yours. Mrs Dadou.

HAMSTER I don't need fizzy wine 'cos I'm drunk on burvel Taggy.

HAPPY VALENTINE this year and every year. I hope our love will always remind you of what we've been through together. With love, Hals.

HAPPY Birthday P.J.V.D. Top Rugby Referee. See you soon. M. and S.

HAPPY Valentine Colleen with love and cuddles from your two boys.

HAPPY Day Gwen, my lovely golden girl. With all my love J.

HAPPY Valentines day. Sparky. I love you.

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HARRYBAGS Leave the ants and crush my DNA. Father Coughman

HARRY give up Mr PC and be my valentine, all my love 007.

HAVE a nice day Barbie. love you lots and lots - Roy.

H, don't get pickled while I'm away. Love you loads, S.

HEAPS and Heaps and Heaps and Heaps and Heaps and Heaps.

HEARTBEAT(S) Ours will forever together. It is magic. I Love You.

HEATHER Champion bridge and scrabble player plus fisher woman be my Valentine always

HEATHER Love you lots. Heres to the next forty naughty years. Paul.

HEATHER Smith. Sometimes I love you more than others, like now. DLB.

HEAT RISES above 45°C with you and a safety valve is needed to stop scalding.

HEDGEHOG you are wonderful and prickly and I love you so Foureyes.

HEID Case. Any room left on the Roost. Captain Sensible? Acapulco Burrd.

HEIDI No roses today for an unsurpassed friend. Keep moving the pigs

HELEN Happy Valentines Day, shall we holiday together soon? Hugs, kisses, love Bear.

HELEN L. Stobie always thinking of you sweetheart, love your Engineer.

HELLO Sweetie, have a good time in Paris, love you, Mike Bre.

HERES One New Knee in the Service of my Dearest Valentine.

HEY skinny arms ! How about wrapping them around your own chubby Valentine tonight

HF. A bag of mulberry leaves from Odile and Bear.

HIGHER THAN Chimborazo, deeper than Tritriva, wider than the Bagan Plain, that's how much you're loved!

HILARY You make me smile with my heart. Peter.

HIPPO Snuggle Beast you are the best. I love you forever. Dociding.

H lets face the music and dance. S. I love you.

HOGAN You really keep me up to par. Love you more Birdie.

HOLD on my heart. I love and adore you forever my darling, you are gorgeous, delicious, scrumptious and most wonderful.

HONEYBEE Thank goodness Dick is now too old to be able to read this. All my love and thank you for everything. R.B.

HONEYBUMPS. To be able to say how much you love is to love but little. SSB.

H Onion leaves untouched since we parted, miss you, love to the Teddy. A.

HOPELESS I've found more happiness with you, I ever dreamed could be, thats why this comes with so much love, to Sue my special valentine.

HUGGLES, call me, I'll answer; beckon me, I'll come; need me, I'll help; love me, I love you, your Marmite

I

I.F. You are always on my mind. Te quiero mucho mi amor. M.C.

IAN Darling. Love and joy are yours forever and beyond - Puppy

IAN. Suprised? My turn this year!! With all my love always Kim. XXXX

I'D go to Timbuktu and back again '. Yours forever. Little Gobbs.

I don't love you much do I? Just more than anything else in this whole world.

IF babe loved me, really loved me, whatever happens bloke won't care.

IF chance were a fine thing. Mr Langham, I would say yes! All my love Darling, Mrs Hilton

IF you know who I am, dress Louis in blue! All my love?

I know I can't live with you but I can't live without you. Love Forever

I love you always John O'Reilly from Nottingham please be mine forever. Hugs/kisses your Princess

I LOVE YOU Maryam Sadighi. PLease say you will marry me (H.Y.).

I love you Bunbun with all my heart. Happy Valentines Day. Lugs.

I Love you Snoffle, will you be my Valentine today and forever.

I love you always Andrew. you are my friend and hearts desire.

I'M with Wishy! Now and for always. With loads of love, kisses, hugs and Jst Sue XXX.

IN God and us we trust. Mon tresor I wish you a lovely Valentine's Day. I love you.

IN love with you on this your birthday and for ever. Stephen.

IN Silvery Willow Wood that I Eider. May our branches entwine forever.

IN the Still Of the Night...Imagine waking on Valentine's Day, alone and in a locked house, to find a red rose on your pillow...imagine dreading the arrival of a card each year instead of longing for one...imagine a love so obsessive it will never let go...imagine a compulsive and totally engrossing read this august...

INTRODUCTION to economics: let me draw a tangency to the dear red curve of your lips.

IOLA, My Valentine for 36 years as always, GC.

IRISH REP loves Cornish Rep. Now and always will.

ISABEL You are the wind beneath my wings. Happy 20th wedding anniversary. Love Col Babes.

ISABEL No letter. No Phone. No Contact. No hope of forgetting you.

IS Danielle's Mum still head over heels for Henry's Dad? Love, Flossy

ISHBEL, I've got you bad! All my Love. Chuck

IS'NT it funny how a bear likes honey. Christopher Robin loves Pooh.

IT IS exceedingly unlikely for the highly improbable never to happen. Love to Paula from Adrian.

IT may be the Plaza, or just plain Fish and Chips in the Rolls - The message is still the same!!!

I want to sleep like spoons forever. I will love you always and always. Lots and lots of huggles.

I will always love you for ever more marry me love Lez.

I Wish I could travel in my hardis tonight, I love you.

I would love you in Landville or Lahore. But I'm glad it will be in London. James

J

J. EX - Directory maybe, But top drawer for this city reject. G

J. Miss you always. Wear a hat and keep working. Love W.

J. Never have, Never will, you too, darling. Dream of sharing grandchildren together one day and long to garden with you. Always yours.

J. - Thanks for letters, lunch, chats and making me smile! Love M.

JACKIE - Wishing you a very happy Valentines day from You Know Who in South Africa

JACKIE Hold me, Thrill me, Kiss me, for how long? Geof.

JACKIE: Sorry about that key. Forgive me? Love Professor

JACQUELINE Hobbs (Jack), love you more today. than yesterday. yours always Mark

JAMES Desperately seeking Sue for love and romance my dear valentine. XXXXX

JAMES, what ever happens, I love you truly, madly deeply O.M.G xxx

JANE. Manchester is a long way. Cambridge look us further JW.

JANE Everything I do. Everything I do I do it for you. You are simply the best all my love, always and forever Michael.

JANE Happy Valentines Day, with all my love. Brian XXXX.

JANE my thoughts any words, my actions are only made possible by the love we share Always Yours Love Darrell

JANET. 24 years of living next door to Alice. Love Always Tim

JANET WAINE

SIMPLY THE BEST

JANIE - Miss you when we're apart, you are so deep in my heart. F. XX

JANIE Open your heart for all my love. We'll make it John.

JAN my beloved, only you for me and me for you. Now and always. your Reg.

JAN S B. I'm still carrying a torch for you. You know what it's worth 'cause I'm still carrying a torch.

JARLSBERG The food of love for the mouse in my life, thinking of you today; I miss you, call tonight.

JASON I love you now, I'll love you forever and beyond, Sarah.

JAYNEE Sexpot. My gorgeous little girl. Will love you always. Love R. XXX

JB Three years is a grain in the sands of eternity. Our love is never ending. Always yours. City slicker.

JEAN please get well quickly and live with me very soon, all my love darling, your clown.

JEFF Tutankhamun Lawrence of Arabia! Who will take me next? And where? I'm all yours. O.

JEMIMA You are wonderful, I can't live without you! Love Paul

JENJEN Thanks for the hugs. Need longer arms from March. Forever Friends, love always Paul. XXXX.

JENNIFER Teignmouth 1989, an angel came to me - nothing else can compare. In love eternally. Yours forever Tony xxxxx.

JENNY Roses are red, violets are blue, champagne in bed, strawberries too. Remember Alice Springs 1989. I love you Ciaran.

JENNY Team amo meum amas that's that now and forever Howie.

JENNY Wren, what would I do without you? Much love Mike.

JENNY Have I ever told you I love you? I do always.

JE T'AIME Beaucoup mon cherie encore qu tu marche moi? Quand? Ou?

JE T' Aime Tres Fort Mon Gros Lapin Gros Bisous Ton Calinou.

JIGGER wishes Dinah and William A Happy Tenth Wedding Anniversary and Valentine's Day.

JILL I love you with all my heart - Colin's Friend.

JILL Happy Valentine's day, we all love you darling Mama meow meow. Paul, Luis, Oscar, Pionka.

JILTY, not my long suffering woman, but my best friend, lover & love take care of you. Andy xxxxxxxxxxxxx

JIMBINO my darling, My love is yours forever. Marykina. Elo.

JJ I will love you always and forever! Please be mine J.D.

JLP. Great joy comes from postcards, paintbrushes and mustard spoons! Love, foxy

J No love hath any man for a woman greater than my love for you R

JOAN If there is perfection it is you, it is you, it is you. Frank.

JOANNA Maiden. Your smile illuminates, your personality is enchanting. My love for you is everlasting. Rob.

JOANNE You mean everything to me and I will always love you - Stuart.

JOANNE Allerdng my little Oz I love you a lot bcoz. XXXX The Pompsie Husband

JOAN You have shown me the true meaning of happiness, contentment and love. Marry me. Tony.

JOEY, be my Valentine, I have your surprise. all my love. ??

JO five out of five and still going strong. love always, Alan.

JOHN Missing you. With all my love. The old bat

JOHN - to my very own Arturo! I'll love you to infinity. Carolyn.

JOJO how's York? I miss and love you very much. Ish XXXX

JONATHAN, Now that you've found my message I can tell ... how much I love you. Happy Valentine's Day. Joanne.

JOHNNY 1969 Model in need of pitstop ! With all my love on Valentines Day. Snoogle xxxx

JOSEY POSEY You are looking particularly attractive today. Love John.

JOYCE I don't know why I love you but I do. Jim

JOY of my life. I have always loved you and always will. I am so very sorry, my Darling. Mal

JPSG. the Round Eyed girl knows you are the one ...

JUDITH Happy Valentine's Day and Second Anniversary. love you forever. Tim xxx

JUDITH Sorry I'm not with you: miss you lots. Love, a stranger!

JUJU Super looking, super fit, super girl. Love you always. Ri

JULES I love you more each day. Now which part of "I love you" is it that you don't understand.

JULIA Jones. You are my life. If only you could be my wife. I would die a happy man. Charles

JULIA Styles. I want you more than anything. All my Love. Me.

JULIA. To my love with all my love from me your love.

JULIETTE, ik hou van ... lekker zuiker beestje. G. beestje. G Beste Wensen.

JULIE I miss your arms around me plus your legs, love you to bits love Kelin

JULIE S Roses are red, your Fetsta is blue and are Juju (it's in the car?)

JULIE Elizabeth Hall, you know what. Love you always. From Mr H.

JULIET vegetarian trainspotting in Hungary has heart in Bounds Green love Christopher.

JULIET Baker, Love you loads. Bobby, Reggie, Dylan or Rosie. XXXXXXXXX.

JU love you more than a tray of sugar mice. David xx.

JUNE no matter where I am or what I'm doing your always there, always on my mind. Love from Billy x

JUNE Our life is changing but not the vows we made so many years ago.

JUNE Seal my love forever with a letter. I miss you. I need you. Big Boy

JUNE was shape diddys twinkle were small Mellows incarnation best of all.

K

K. Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be. E.

K. "I've seen the moon as it burns, it's mark on me, I've seen the love in your eyes..." C.

K. This kind of certainty comes only once. I love you.

KAREN Dalton you make my life complete. My heart it skips a beat, but especially. I love your perfect feet.

KAREN My "Cutey" one. Roll on April 9th. Forever yours, Perry XXX.

KAREN Have I told you lately I love you. speak to you soon, love S.

KARIN I care for you and I love You very much. You are a beautiful dream I never forgot

KATHLEEN, Kathleen, well who, would have thought? All my love Dave.

KATHY of Richmond - sorry helicopter couldn't make it this time. All my love. Simon.

KATHY Still bewitched after all these years. Love always Tony.

KAVOOS My Persian Valentine. Dacet Deram Azizam. Be hat always. Olive.

KAY HILL Will you be our Valentine today and always. From Brandy, Sadie, Tarry and Tiger. Purr Lick Kiss Purr.

KAY it losing half a stone means there is less of you. that makes me sad. I want more of you.

KAY without you I would be nothing. My love now and forever.

KAZ, Now you're surprised missing you babe, I'll soon be seeing you. Love Jan.

KAZ Loves Jan

KEELEY Judy is our month - I can't wait! Loving you forever. Nigel.

KELLY MOIR - The one person who means everything to me. All my love from Number 1

KEN My lover can't get enough of your love. From your besotted sexy married black bag lady with love xxxxxxxxx

KENNY I will never stop loving you. From your bestest girl. XXXXX

KEV, Bought you the Lamp. Rubbed it but you did not appear. Hope we'll shine together always. Tracy

KIBOKO Lots of love Simba 14 years and 3. ATD.

KIDLVIRS Kate You are my bestest girlie and I love you lots

KINGA - Even though you are so far away, I think of you every day. ME

KISSY-FACE would never have believed "IT" could be this good for this long - always Buttons.

KITTEN - Simply the best, All my Love from your wee stud XXXX

KIWI Honey love you. Need to come with you. Kia ora! Quasimodo.

KJH I love you lots more than you know, kisses 'n' hugs. Lagna.

KOTERA Michiko San. You are my Athens Airport Girl always. Michael

KOTLET you are my most beloved one, I love you for ever.

K P Still nuts about you. Happy Valentines on 14th and Silver Anniversary on 21st. Loads of love RJP

KRISSY darling! What an adorable Pippi you are! Love you so. Pauly.

KRISTIAN I love you and always will now and forever. your Goo.

L

L.J. Adores the lovely lady and awaits eagerly next visit, lo OLH.

L.L. you are my hope, wishes and sunshine. My love all-ways. Pinky

LAI MING, Hugs and lots of love from Tiger, looking forward to September.

LAMBCAKE is my favourite food and I hope to enjoy it forever.

LAMBY I love you more than I can say. Happy Valentines day. Love your big lamb.

LARGE woolly bear wants pink piglet for lots of cuddles and spoons

LARRAINE have an absolutely wonderful day Love xxxx

LASER 142405 loves you very much and hopes that you will love the bust and sun

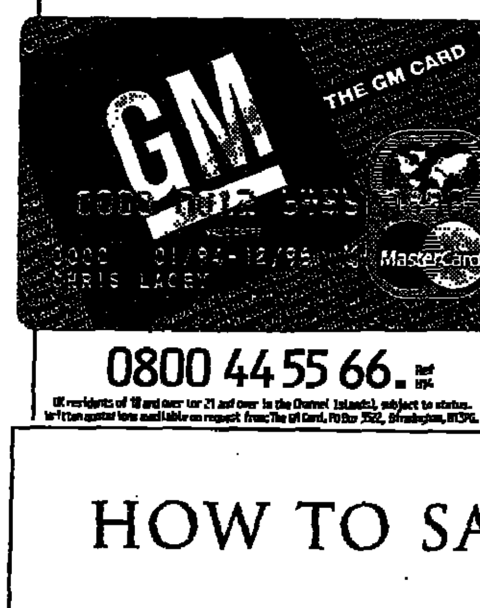
LEA BABY I love you with all my heart so always be mine. Trouble X X X

LEMOU Herewetro: roof expansion for little girls this year's treat. Lotsalove Dave.

LEONIE I want the whole world to know I love you Neil

LESLEY forget the BMW. All I want is you forever. Love A.

ON VALENTINE'S DAY, THERE'S ONLY ONE CARD YOU SHOULD SIGN.



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VALENTINES

LETI go to heaven in a Daimler Sierra Alpha Charlie.

LG, Just to say I love you. Read 78 days how I feel about you. Yours always GW xxxxx

LIFE originated when met accumulated: A lifelong debt You, radiating devotion: so - I honour love & know

LINDA for the last twenty five years and to the next twenty five, all my love Chris.

LINDA be my Valentine I will love you forever and always, Kevin x

LINDA - with all my love to a beautiful bunny.

LINDA, I love you. Miss you lots. Will you marry me? Steve.

LION, Loving you and your pride is ever my delight. Angel

LISA Pryce-Jones, we love you for ever. from Daddy and Hollis.

LITTLE ONE: Oh perfect little person, say you'll be mine & I'll never get another set of counters made! Lotsa Luv & Kisses from G.T. XXX

LITTLE bear all my fruity love from the big apple. Love Charlie.

LITTLE one. Travel 1995. Children 1996. OK with you? Love Dave.

LITTLE Austria: to gorgeous Gerda. I will always love you. Martin xxxo.

LITTLE 1 life in the sun is unbearable without you. Love XXX.

LITTLE Pond Diffy Seal loves you more than ever.

LITTLE by little is now a hedgehog but still love you. M.

LITTLE nut brown hare loves his big nut brown hare

LITTLE BUDDHA - Piggy loves Minnie-Do. Big Buddha

LIZ if roses are red and violets are blue, then what can I see in you? Love you always Andy

LIZ would just like to say: I love you, love Stuart

LIZZIE Lollipop, never forget that Tuscan magic. Love you muchly, Happy Bear.

LIZZY You're wonderful. Wish I was with You. Love Kit fond from the mountains Gotard

LIZZY I love you, and even your nose blowing, yours forever Jon

LJ ANGY with love, now and forever, Jam XXX

LLAMAS are for lovers....for life. 01451 870974

LOG hates Albert still in love with you Lulu

LORRAINE All my love as always for our first Valentine in our new home. Richard XXX

LOUIE-LOU, my days are blue, when I'm away from you! Punjab.

LOUISE from Branksome I love you from you very own Essex Boy.

LOVE is tender, love is true. Slomie Woomie I love you xxxxxxxxxxxxx

LOVE I pledge for my little Olive friend, will never, ever, end.

LOVE to everbody in Classe De Premiere S.T.A.E. From your Teacher Peraino

LOVE you, desire you madly. Henry sounds good to me. Annie Nin.

LOVEY SOO BBHB I love you more now than I ever have. You're forever lovey MZ.

LOVE you madly, miss you badly. Forever Teddy Boy + Jen.

LOVE YOU, DR. despite everything ..... PS still fancy you rotten xxxx

LOVE you dearest angle. Meet me for conkers at dawn. Love J.

LOVING Greetings Chipmunk Nip Tuck Gooseberry you're so captivating Noodle and Bibb.

LOVING Berit, Glenys, Hanna, Liz, Mary, Norma, Olive, Rosemary. Especially Pam.

LUCKY Jim, my lovely Ilan rampant. Lots of love today and always from the one you call "Dearest"

LUCY, I love you more than words can ever say. Saghalo Miroslaf. To Agori sou. Emmanuel

LUCY POO love you lots and lots and lots Sissy Woo XXXX P.S. Sorry for being a rotter recently XXXX.

LUCY, Rebecca, Henrietta (or Daisy), Charlie and Heather, I will love you all much in March.

LUCY Sorry about the gowsin. I love you to pieces really. Rader

LULU Nuestro amor es como un Mar-Jan profundo'.- Te Amo. Felipe.

LUVY, Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day with Lots of Love D.J.

LYDIA Prince your true Valentine and best friend for life love D

LYN - All my love forever, your own Ray.

LYNN D. The moon is (forever) red on February 14th. Rouge Gorge

LYNNE Ricotta of Scarborough here's my Valentine's Day message to you Roses are Red Violets are Blue Happy Valentines Darlings

M

MACKINTOSH Frances, will always be loved by her husband and Joe Bloggs

MADELEINE Charlie, je t'aime, je t'aime, je t'aime, Gavin

MAGGIE, Lady Captain Stowmarket - Golf Club. Nineteen Happy Years Today, completing second eighteen with continued love. Ever loving husband Dennis

MAGGIE Baby I love your way every day and will do forever. Lots of love from Peter

MALCOLM often you are far away. I think of you everyday. XXX.

MALORIE le grand cinquante to garder toujours, à mes yeux aussi, ta grâce et beauté débordante.

MALORIE le grand cinquante to garder, toujours, à mes yeux aussi, ta grâce et beauté débordante.

MAMA Caps I love you more than my words can say, Allan

MANDY my darling, words alone cannot express my love for you. Bob.

MANI - From Castille loves you Tiger, and says Hello again.

MARGARET Occasionally I think I deserve you, but most of the time I know I just got lucky. Adrian.

MARGARET TAYLOR I love you - now and for always XXXXX Rodney.

MARG, All my love, plus Don't forget the sausage and bacon. Numero Uno

MARGARET shorten those skirts, flaunt that figure, I love you. Ian.

MARGARET Thank you for the happiness you have given me, with all my love, Fred.

MARGIE - I'm always Toym.

MARGS All my love in this special year. Here's to the next 25! Love Biggles

MARIAN 40 years "It don't seem a day too much" love Jon.

MARIE I become more obsessed and more deeply in love with you each day. With love your husband

MARINA - My Gimlinguy Girl you've got me in a whirl - your Barford Boy is jumping for joy. X.

MARION remember the Royal Lancaster I am in the dark beside you buried sweetly in your yellow hair

MARION I'll always love you, so please be my lovely valentine. K.

MARION, Forever be mine, forever our love entwine, forever with you. Lin.

MARION, I tightly clasp your love and mine you must not doubt

MARMITE Darling. The Third Time! I love you so much but how much Longer can we be together your Huggles.

MARTHA Special Valentines Day wishes to a very special Mum! Good health. Long life. Cobbinamses. Shubidoi Hello! Love, Baerbel + Bob

MARTHA Luz you are my sweetiepie, today and forever. Happy Valentine's Day, your adoring husband John.

MARTIN A Mexican Wave On. Love from she who will wait and wait.

MARY I love you - Valentines are forever - Frank.

MARY Lawson, half the world loves hart - but only one Brian Jolly. Not statistically significant but very meaningful

MARY, Love you more every day. The champagne's chilling for tonight. CW.

MARY - Through tempest and storm, my soul be your fire to keep your heart warm. - R.F.

MARY - You still melt me, you are so beautiful. Love always, Paul XXXXXXXXXX

MASTER. Devotion. Obedient. Suffering. My heart is chained to your authority, in my fantasies you restrict me, in reality I'm freed, opened. Thank you for the last 18 months Sir, you're beautiful. Selva x.

MATHEMATICIAN David, I love you want you, need you forever. Your artist Jill xxx

MAUREEN With all my love now and always from your secret admirer.

MAUREEN My gorgeous Valentine. Our love is a constant joy. I love you James

MAX, Be my Sexybum forever. Love, Hugs and lots of kisses, Sooty

MAX Ho delle palpitazioni Puo farmi una ricetta per questo? Eeeeeeee me!

MBA I miss you so and think of you constantly JTA Doris.

ME and the girls agree, that cuddles with Rill in the early morning, when day is dawning, is really loverice.

MEG All my love, thanks for fifty golden years. Aberdeen 19th February 1945.

MELANIE 43 days. 7 hours since I saw you, miss you more each day. Michael Cain.

MELANIE I love you. If you don't know me by now guess.

MELINDA with love on the 14th February. Yes to your Eyes of blue! But from who ?

MELLORS - Time for the sequel? Continued irrational love from your Lady

MEL, Love you now and always. Missing you, thinking of you. Jules.

MEMORY MAKER Snowy wonderful lasting additions during your hopefully more to come please, especially perhaps D.D.

MERITT you are worth waiting seventeen years for. Your old school chum.

MERRY MAID - of Horsell. I love only you. Hoping for years of profitable scrubbing poor loves.

MESSAGE from Tokyo - Je t'aime mon amour.

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MICHAEL Disney love you more than words can say. Yours forever. Clare.

MICHAEL AND WE - forget because we must and not because we will.

MICHAEL Intex, I'm not crazy. It's today I love you. The Times gave us time. Forever.

MICHAEL Webster (Streatham) thankyou for 8 wonderful months, love Debbie Francis.

MICHAEL James Wenholm. Low profile Valentine? I don't think so !! Lots.... Kate.

MICHAEL I still love you so very much.

MICHAEL, I love you. Always. Clare X.

MICHÈLE It might seem a bad year. The best is yet to come. Love you. Dick. XXXXX

MICHÈLE Looking forward to rubbing cheeks with you soon. Love from Ben

MICHELLE Bennett special love to you on Valentines Day and always. Ashley

MIKE, my favourite scrabble partner - Here's to lots more fun, and games lots of love Rachel

MIKE you're no search don't stay home alone Oxford's attractions await you?

MI I love you so much. I am looking forward to a very special 1995. J.

MINDY all we need is love, love Paul and your number ones.

MINKY I think you're wonderful, love you madly always and forever. hugs and kisses, oceans of love Mrs Minx

M is for Martha, M is for Marvellous, P is for Patience, P is for Peter, who loves you always

MISS Chelford, You are in my mind, you are in my veins, hope no-one grabs my roles. love forever.

MISS HONEY After 12 seasons of love, friendship is different. You have my heart, the rest I hope will follow when you complete your present journey. All my love, Dr Richmond.

MISTER Bad Guy promises eternal love and devotion to His Special Lady.

MISTER Duck and Becky love you lots but I love you Zillions

MITCHAROO distinctions erudition musician your inferior sweaty lambkins loves you still

MITCHET, I love and miss you so much see you soon. Bear.

MITTY Podger, Mitty Podger...I adore you. Please always be mine xxxxxxxxx

M Love and need you for ever. Always be my Valentine. All my love. Your D. XXX

MOLE - La France, l'amour. les nuits, les baisers. les souvenirs...le rendezvous..

MOLEY, For all time be my Valentine, hugs and kisses Pookie.

MON Castor Je T' Aime Avec Tout Mon Coeur Ton Nounours Eternel.

MONO, Baby, you're my flame. Te Quiero mucho. Pal. Besos Monkita.

MOO MOO Cow, marry me now. I love you I swear. your Boo Boo Bear.

MOON BEAM: If OJ is guilty is RJ sweet and innocent?

MOROCCO Mate calling secret squirrel I love yohoo and always will

MOUSE let's be P.I.C's forever, I love you. I am your Mouse.

MR GUPPY: Having reviewed the situation, I conclude that we fit. Love you always M X X X

MR G We love you, from Mrs Q and "Miss Bob" Ahhh

MRS BEAR you are a much loved bear not a spoilt bear.

MRS Budgie, you are the wind beneath my wings. With all my love forever. Mr Budgie.

MRS Fox. Only you can switch me on. Don't wait. Love SB.

MRS B I moved every single word, awaiting your answer. All my love David

M The Nile immense power cannot surpass my love. Both flow forever. N.

MUNCHKIN you're my best friend Snoogs

MUSHIE You and the boys are my strength and heart, all my love Hobbly. XOOOX

"MUSIC when soft voices die, vibrates in the memory -" Love Arry.

MY BEAUTIFUL BUNDLE! Be my Valentine at 421? Love from Torpedo Boy

MY Best Deal Maggie The real love of my life. Del Boy

MY Bob, I just adore lychees, but I love you even more.

MY Cherub, Happy Valentine's Day, always remember I'm so in love with you now, and forever will be. Lovingly Spike Spam.

MY darling Gillian, love you forever, thanks for 25 years. Love Ken.

MY DARLING - Annie I am sorry. Will you be my Valentine ???

MY Darling Princess, I will always love you, for ever your John.

MY Darling Angel you make me so very happy, All my love eternally, your Burger Man.

MY darling Mel, I couldn't think of a Prussia, so pizza mog. Love always, Macka Xxxx

MY Darling Foffaba, all my love always from SNR. Lopez

MY dear Solveigh. Enjoy your time in Vienna. I miss you. Sebastian

MY Dear Wiz. just to let you know how much I love you. Bandy Bush.

MY Dearest Joan I love you very much and always will Philip

MY GGG and ten years my Scoosy we are soul mates for eternity and shall be together forever always. BB.

MY lady the vivid memories of the passion and the pleasure still excite, your humble servant.

MY life, my love, my Alex. Happy Valentines, I'll be home soon.

MY little elf. At last we are together. Thank you for all the happiness and love, you have brought into my life Jimmy Jim.

MY little Giant Panda, love you always, Your little Goldfish and Darlings.

MY Love is solid always and forever.

MY Man in Carlisle - Love is something to say with a kiss

MY Straddle Chops I love you. Norwich here we come. Your Sexpot

MY sweet Henry, two down and fifty to go! forever your valentine.

N

N.A.C. To a fiery red-headed stallion. Despite the ups and downs of equestrian life, I'll hang on until you come ride with me!

NAGGY - Aggie: You're my Valentine, love you dearly. Do stay mine: Ratbag

NAMASTE, Marcelle. Our time apart will pass quickly. I am waiting for you. Take care. I love you dearly. G.

NANCY - I wish I could be as good and beautiful as you - help forgive my failings - Your Man.

NATNEE With all my love Morris. xxxxx xxxxx xxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx

NEIL I love you.

NEIL, You are my life and I will love you until the end of time. Liz

NICKI, I Crave Only Love And Romance Under Sunny Skies. Interested?

NICK, with twinkling eyes and cheeky grin. Just open your arms and I'll fall in!

NICKY what would I do without my Sicky friend. Love you Dave

NICOLA Jane Birch. You are my life, I love you and always will forever yours. Greg. XXX

NICOLA - Still got the hots. On fire with passion - Michael.

NIGELY nog, sausage dog love you loads bonehead your Monster Mash xxxx.

N lovely desire possesses me. Omnia vincit amor nos et cedamus amori

NOBBY who ate all the pies? We did, we did! Love Pastie.

NOEL silkytips won't wait much longer. Ring me.

NOODLE Darling my heart is full. 4 wonderful years together. The best are yet to come. Love you, Chipmunk

NUTBROWN loves Nutbrown all the way to the moon and back.

O

OBEY DOGGY, Thank you for looking after me. Daddy Doggy loves you.

OGIE Just to say I love you more than ever before ONGIE.

OH! You and your blue eyes. Love Joe

OH Molley, the Stickmore Chickmore. Love you more than ever. MORB. Squids.

"O" is for onion and omega. "C" is for comely and captivated. "E" is for you.

OMAR Khayat you are the best I love you dearly lots ELS

ONE 'elle' of a body. Be my valentine muscle boy. With love from beefy B.

ONE into two makes three and isn't be perfect. Love always Esmond

ONE-O I'd give you a medal any day! Love you always. Wall-Wall XXX.

ON our third anniversary today I reaffirm my love for you Marian

OUR voyage still going, our ship still strong, the man who brings me flowers, I love your song.

P

P.O. I have only one thought being with you and one with you till then I love you D.H.

PADDYPAWS - What a year! Always be mine, all my love. Snugglepuff

PAM - Happy Valentine - Love - Ken.

PAM Iddison I love you more than life itself and always will You gorgeous Beauty Android

PAMMELA You are my Valentine now and forever. from your ever loving Des.

PAMMY I shall love you for ever and ever Ripvic.

PAM Thirty six happy years you are the best in the world. I love you, Eric.

PANAMA Poosie my true love grows with the years. Yours for ever

PARA el mujer mas guapa del mundo, mil besos amor mio

PASSIONATE & caring, beautiful & precious. from ex World Record Holder.

PAT: Have a nice day on February 14th. Love from you know.

PAT I miss you. I want you. I need you. Mille Grosses Bises and love from ' The French Connection'

PATRICIA I see the church I see the people Ave Maria, Leopard

PATRICIA until the twelth of never I'll still be loving you J.

PATSIE Happy Valentines. All my love always, Craig.

PATSY You will always be my true Valentine. Ti amo Leonardo DeLargo

PAULA Perfect Adored Unique Loved Always Timeless Ever Dotingly Devotedly Yours Teddy

PAULA - Living and loving up the 'edge', forever yours, the Old Git.

PAUL Hope you're O.K. Marriage Yumours. Take care sweetheart. Dancing with you.

PAULINE Thank You for all the support you have given me. I love you always Jimmy.

PAUL My first is in diamond but not in glass, my second is in love by not in harsh, my third is in now but never in past, my fourth is in present but not in the past and last but not least my fifth is in you're name... third from last. Always.

PAUL, with all my love today, tomorrow and forever. Love from Julie.

PEACHEY Happy Birthday and Valentines Day - Lots of Love - The Nose, The Flump and The Rabbit

PEACHES - I Love You, on this Valentines Day. All my love forever.

PEACHES Who does the best B&B in the Lin? See you soon. Beastie Boy X X X

PEARL is it possible to give me another 50 years happiness?

PEGGY I love you but you know that and who I am.

PERCY, Apart but together in our hearts, you eternal flame, Eth xxxx.

PETAL like your snores. tree times I love you. From your Huggle.

PETER The most loving, best dancer, wonderful rummager. in the whole world

PETERKINS - All I ask of you Be Mine Forever. Your Jeanniekins.

PETER, I want my Tigger back. Love you, happy Anniversary darling. Sue

PICABOO, the pieces of my dream are becoming reality. Love you. Beatle

PIGGY The Wigs You're an absolute Hurding...r. Sucking Pig and Bears

PIGGY It is your year with old mutual forever. See you in England. Kermit.

PINK carnations, create calm, my love, and I'll have the tap end! Fancy a visit to Cambridge? Social xxx.

P.J.B Liverpool Lou. Love you, miss you, owe you. Lonely Scouse.

PJ TO LOVE is to receive a glimpse of heaven. In my days, in my nights, in my arms. L A. W. F. A. I love you SC xxxx

PLEASE be my Valentine Sharon, with all my love infinitely from Jason.

PLUMPTIOUS Pussycat will warm Mistbot and Kidneys always. Love you lots.

P Nec Malis Divulsus Querimoniis Suprema Citius Solvet Amor Die. M.

POOPS Your Dortmund fan club may be moving. Love remains constant!

POPPY Darling unlock your cage. The bear is waiting for your escape.

POPS. Still crazy after all these years. Love you forever. Your Pops.

PORKER, I hope that you love me as much as Lissker and I love you. Hamster

PORKY Being with you once a week is not enough ...Love Howard

POTLET yer nordy, shall we get married again? Duddles and kisses forever - Pesca XXXX.

POTTI our Princess. Immense love from your two chaps, Little and Large.

PPP Search under your sleepy head rest, for proof that you are the Best! MD

PRETTY LADY Thank you for coming back into my life. I will love you always. Your soul mate

PRETTY Moomin will you be my Valentine, all my love . always Babe

PRINCESS Desperately missing you and cannot wait to see you again. Happy Valentine's Day. Well, say something nice.. Dodo Head.

PRINCESS Two years now and it just gets better. Love always. Pickle

PRINCESS remember Rutherford Ridge you must realise by now love always M

PRINCESS P - Happy Anniversary. My beautiful lady. I love you - special K

PRINCESS: Forget Biggles! I will fly you to paradise- direct. Love J

PRINCESS, Big big sighs for always. Much love Frog

PRINCESS I love you more each day BW

PRINCESS Darling Your greatest admirer "T'aime à la Folie"

Prosim mně ste mi bornocí Kde jsou sichody. Must be the drink!

PT I still like doing things with you. Love BB.

PUDDIN 3 years of happiness and it gets better. See you September Love always Poodle X

PUFFIN Jules all our love to u from us two Dave and Sprout xxx

ZPU I am crazy about you, be my number one boy forever. proper hugs. love Seven.

PUMPKIN I hope you hear the words my heart can never find: I will always love you. Paddington.

PUPPY You are my hay and oats all my love Falabelo xxxxx

PUSSYCRUSH I love those bent sticking out ears to bits. kisses. Schatzi.

PUSSY Remember Sidcup railway station and the green van with love Paul.

PUSSY CAT Lets hope for a better 1995. Love Teddy Bear. xxxxx

PUSSY cat pussy cat I love you. yes I do BW.

PZY Eight years and still going strong. Let's keep it up forever! Love PB.

Q

QUEEN And Humrens. Chaste And Fair. Thou My Heart Hast Pierced And Captured Me For Ever.

QUELQU'UN Est mon petit ange et je sais que c'est toi.

QUOD spiro et placeo si placeo tuum est From BG to PB

R

R. For as long as it takes. And then forever. My love, J.

R.J.K. To my darling Husband, I love you very much from Smitty

R.J.M. March can not come soon enough. I miss you. Chingford CYN.

R.W. Love you so much. Let's get together soon. Five years is a long time. Love always Bluebells to me. X X X X X X X.

RABBI G rules OK. But Mikvah makes you beautiful. Even after 10 years I love you. XXXX

"RABBIT 2 to (Purple) Rabbit 1 - I just can't get enough of you - Odeshan is our warren."

RABBIT Love EOR

RACHEL Non Evans. Possibly. probably, always your valentine. Rwy'n caru ti I.

RAINBOW lady. You are all the colours in my life. My heart is yours for ever. Soldier Boy.

RATTY would love to see the wiggle back in your tail. Ratso.

RAY you missed it last year. Message repeated same love you always June

REGGIE All my love on our eighth Valentine's day together. Yours, Minky.

REMEMBER when this happened every year it shows my love grows bear

RENOUNCE Elliot my Yankee poet, capitulate pro Sloane whose affections you hone.

RETURNED VLA Bromsgrove and Bridgnorth to these arms that are your home. Stay there L.L.L. R.

RHEA Love from Washington. Hope razor blades have gone. Love Paul.

RICHARD Remember that amazing Miami heat! Well how about a repeat Dundonian Treat honest! Your wee Patata Brava!

RICHARD I am your sex slave. my body is yours. Soon I will give you everything.

RINKY Dinky I love you with all my heart... Love Me. XXXXXXXX

RITA B Come for another walk in the rain. Be my alter ego. Love kisses Mike

RITSUKO, the "Nengo Cat", you have a jolly good lip, haven't you?

ROBIN I am madly in love with you welcome back Frank R

ROISIN Chuckster I sometimes manage surprises, especially in leap years. Love, Stephen.

RONA, Wuff Wuff Wuff Wuff, Prrr Prrr Prrr, Grrr?????

ROO Husband so special we love you so much, Speck, Arthur, Lummuk, and Muff

ROSEMARY Thou art mine My heart remaineth thine My seven times Valentine

ROSEMARIE - elegant, beautiful, clever, charming, witty and sexy. You have it all!

ROSEMARY - still yours, always and forever. Neil

ROSES are red, violets are blue, John William Farley, I love you.

ROSIE - Darling, brilliant days, fantastic nights. I adore you. My love, Sterling.

ROSIE darling, long may we continue embarrassing pub landlords.

ROSIE Happy VD day from Poop and the Baboon.

ROSY my one love. Now five years together one path we tread whatever the weather.

ROWLAND this is getting serious with/without Harrod I'll love you always.

ROY my darling, you are the love of my life, yours L.

RUNTI, ti amo con tutto il mio cuore. Il tuo cucciolo, Marpi.

RUTH all my lurve on Valentine's Day, now and forever. Peter xxxxxxx

R - voucher for 1 uninterrupted evening. No lodger. No 'kid'. No bones. Lots wine. Lots talking. Lots noise. (me) Z.

S

S.K. I love Ribena, snow, candles and you. One day you might feel the same way

S. What's the best thing in the world. I think you are. Love E.

SAAB was red, Marcus is blue, but I'm at my happiest when I'm with you. Travel there's been and there could be more, but our love will survive, that's for sure. 80039072

SAILING QUEEN Keep buying lacy gear to go under the wet suit. Ros xxx

SALLY be my Valentine and please stay just as you are. Love from your Ackie.

SALLY Nicholls, my wife to be. I love you very much. Glen.

SALLY, I'm just an old romantic at heart. I love you. Chris.

SAMANTHA Would you be my Valentine. Thinking of you. with love Stephen.

SAMANTHA Happy Valentines Day, love you lots forever and always. David G.

SAM Doomed to the perfect score! My love for you is eternal. Much love Carlos.

SAM they be your big boy, but at least I can do the business. Be my Valentine for ever. Bond.

SANDIE darling, love you more and more each day. Yours forever, Lawrence.

SANDI my dearest, our love has made me truly happy. Yours - A.

SANDRA Forty years of loving you and more to come. Croggon

SANDRA - you still burn as fiercly inside me. M.

SANDY G Darling Croaker - I love you - my lawful wedded "life" Andy G.

SANS De Partir Ry. Ry. Ry. Ry. Ry. all my love.

SANTA'S Girl Dreamboy Dave. Special in every way. Wonderful times mending together. My heart is yours.

SARAH Sarah Sarah Sarah 6A 6C 6A 6C 6A 6C Tube Chubbs. You are always in my head and heart.

SARAH I found you and then I found love. the rest we'll do together. love Chris.

SARAH Turner so near yet so far please come close and be my lover for ever.

SARAH with love from Arsenal Blackburn and Chelsea, alias William Nick and William.

SARAH WATSON. Someone out here thinks you're rather special. A dreamer.

SARA Hope you'll be my Valentine. Are you ready? Lots of love, the Bear. xxxx.

SARAH Oh! baby I love your way - every day! ???

SARAH: Be mine for ever and I'll always be your big 'Ead.

SARAH CJ Thank you for our love and happiness MBf Iain.

SARA My love to you is perhaps not all you deserve, your love to me is wonderful. please let it be forever.

SAS. Missing you very much. No change. Will always love you. Please call very soon. B

SAWASDEE Kap - Love flourished in Thailand. so come back soon, Sue.

S C. Love you forever chicken bums.

SCHNOOKS - To da top chez Valentine. we do do it! Love Baboon.

SCORPIO how do I love thee? Let me count the ways. Aries.

SCOTTIE - You are loved way way beyond the Beach Ballroom and loved forever! Julian

SCRUF. Zivot is fantastic with you in it! Love Holka of Ulm.

SCRUNGER Love you more all my lovings, cuddles and huggings. your Stinker.

SEXY WITCH Old Heremouse, blue eyed beauty, moo, I, your private louse, do love you. OSU

SGT Ice Man Bates, I hate U so much! Good luck Parni! I'll miss U XXXX

SHAREEN Will you Valentine with me? RSVP - Clue: TG

SHARON so what happened after he climbed up the tower and rescued her. she rescued him right back !!!

SHAROL Exadyb Gleff tie you up with blue ribbons and Grunty.

SHAZ - You are my Maid Marianne. Je T'adore from your Yorkshire Pudding.

SHEILA Zatec. Royal Ballet company. love and kisses and lots more from your biggest fan. Rudolf.

SHEILA - What started as a chocolate fumble has now become a Valentine. Lots of Love. Terry

SHEP Woof. woof woof wooooof !! (Darling I love you with all my heart. Yours always and forever All Bear XXOOXO

SHIRLEY POPS Thank you for almost thirty-five years of fun. Love Claude.

SHIRLEY Where's Pussy? Enough of this childish banter. Love, Lovely Jubbly.

SHONA, I love the way you smile, talk, walk, kiss, your yawning. I can not put it into words just imagine how much my love for you. Abbie.

SIMMI You know where I am if you need me. keep smiling. fondest lov. S

SIMON Earl and Lizzy Perking wish to announce their engagement to be married.

SJT Can't imagine life without you. All my love Fluster

SLDS All my love forever M

SMELL It's going to be hectic soon. Want you to know now, you mean the world to me. Love Hobby

SMIDGE Bondleheart you're my baby. Nothing can ever be the same again

SASZCKA Part., Canada, Poland, Hong Kong ! Let me know. Love, ugly toes.

S My Darling I used to think valentine's day was silly until I married you. Me more always and forever.

SNOOPY'S CV: Position - Entrepreneur, pursuit - equestrian, interests - canine/feline, cuisine - a la carte, poison - Veuve Clicquot, parfum - Must de Cartier, wardrobe - haute couture, music - loud, habits (bad) - the Red Baron.

SNORKY Snuggle box with electric points I will be as quiet as a church mouse

SNOWFLAKE Snell am 90s fun mi? The Eagle. Let us be!

SNOW princess. Do you miss the snow or are you warmer now?

SNR Fatti Twiggy. Good Luck with Team Fatti Paldi. be careful Love always Pog.

SNUFFLES I still fancy the pants off you. Big snogs. Love Wiffey.

SOLDIER Boy thank you for tea, chocolate, fun, frolics. Everything rainbow lady

SOLOTEC Ladies. You're 100% on our scoreboard' Your very own FAM Club.

SOMEBODY wonderful married me, and I will always have that. I love you so much, SSSSSSSS.

SONIA, Longing to ..: you. Miss you badly. Love you always.

SONYA SHVJ Ik hou van jou

SOOTY TERN. You always did have quality and assurance. Love Satyr. No Sappho.

SOPHIA! Come to the East and be with me. Roll on Easter!

SOPHIE Lamarre we have all the time in the world. Charlie

SOPHY, I'll wear Kermit, Kilroy, Bruno, Corbetts for a fast exhale at work on the balcony!

SORRY we don't sleep through the night or eat our vegetables. Happy valentine Mum. Love from Justin and Will.

SPECIAL K? The perfect serial is Susie. No body to match. Adorable

SPECIAL K my love forever. your princess P. Happy Anniversary darling, ILU.

SPOR loves Pet Lamb.

SPUD, I think you are smashing. Be my Balding V: intine, Love Miss

SOUNDGOO We love you lots & lots from Daddypops & Sammypoo.

SOUNDGY love you lots and lots from The Travelling Oogle

STEPHANIE to the girl from the other side of the world. Tell me what happens in April, lovingly your M.M.

STEPHEN you have my heart, love always Dani.

STEVE my North my South my East and West always Jayne xxxx

STRAWBERRIES in bed on a wet Saturday afternoon in January. I love you very much Doreen, always have, always will.

STRUGGS, Doris loves you lots...Despite and probably because of...Everything!

SUE after twenty five years there's still more love to come. Derek

SUE, Another year and I love you even more. Forever yours, Ian".

SUE Aubergines celery and grapes from Or yet. be my funny Valentine. D.

SUE Fowkes, Basford, Nottingham. Always in my heart forever. Love Pete

SUE Hart. Thank you for being so wonderful, you make every day so very special. All my love, Mark Cowell.

SUE I know it. you know it. now the world knows it. Love always Cuddly Bunny.

SUE It's still the same old Aretha Franklin. Love Paul.

SUGAR - love, sugar love, true love, undying love, caring love, always true.

SUGAR Puff Olive Juice even if you are a smelly cheese!!

SUNBEAM Driving is tedious. Let's live love and dance together. You control my heart and software totally. Sage.

SUPER MAN love you with all my heart - your Best Friend.

SUSAN JULIA. You being my Valentine is a dream. Love always Tim

SUSAN BAKER. Queen of the Isle. I will always love you. CLB.

SUSAN Davis District nurse treat me with your Grasmere at any time. From the lowley Judge.

SUSANNAH, You just have to be starry baby. you just have to be chocolate cake. Lennie.

SUSAN, Toujours J'taime. all my love Martin

SUSIE Sue. Thanks for being my kitten, love Dennis and Co.

SUSIE. Let me love you and look after you for ever. Steve.

SUZANNAH I simply love you Mark Carey Hegg

SWEETIE PIE - A house in the country a personalised number even lots in the Med, there's just one more thing left for us to do - that is to go and get Wed. Spudditykings.xxxx.

SWEETYPOPS you're my sexy wilderwife now! I love you lots and lots and lots and lots for ever. Douglas xxxxxxxxx.

SWEETIE Have I told you lately that I love you truly, madly, deeply because you mean everything to me. Kevin.

SWEETPEA you are my world. Thank you for making me so happy.

SWEETEST Girl. I love you profoundly, now and forever. Eternally yours S.B.

SWEET you, always thinking of you. Almost free but much damaged me.

SWEETEST Prill, I'm in love and my heart is all yours forever!!!

T

TACTILE Teddy loves Hampshire Hampster very much indeed.

TAMMY TAM Atwillie and I love you madly but we have different sickly sore and bohemian ways of showing it

TAMY There's nothing so lovely in life as you. true happiness. Shmiel.

TANU Lots of love & hugs, kisses & wishes. Be my Valentine forever. Love, Kanu.

TANYA I love you so much. I would die without you. Dopey X.

TANYA P thankyou for a brilliant year, lets have another. Are you impressed?

TANYA Hot buttered toast and an eccles massage! We cannot wait. love Billy and George.

TAYLOR As each Valentines Day passes my love for you increases, Jimmy.

TAZ Be my RSO nobody else could -ever pass my medical. Donna

TEENY - Time and distance can never separate us. I love you forever.

TEJ though I am far away, my love is true this Valentine's day. Soppy and MA.

TERESA You are my Darling I will always remember your beauty in the Auberge. I will Love you forever

TERU - All the love in the world. From your Valentine. Dom. X XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

THANK you for letter to New York and for being everything you are. love and forever yours Goran.

THANKYOU for saying yes, small Pud. All my love, Big Pud.

THANK you for holding on to our treasured cherished love forever Margaret

1995 The best in twenty six? with you record non stop 24 hours!

THE Best of Times These Different Times. L S and R.

THE BOSS loves sausage and pickle, but he'd be lost without his Snugglebug. Never stop. Mr.B.

THE Chemistry is right (An arrowsmith has pierced my heart): Tracey, will you marry me? Andrew

THE message is from afar. I love you, see you soon. CBBY

THEM, as now always love you Debbie, plus 2xxx, Big Boy 'C'.

THERESE, simply to say you're wonderful. I will love you forever - Michael xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

THERE may be trouble ahead. So lets take the plane to Antigua and dance. Love Penny

THERESA I still think you have a nice bum. Let's try again.

THE supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved and I love you Carolyn. P.D.

THIRTY loving kisses for The Betty Ford Foundation at Two Two Two.

THROUGH all the years I have never forgotten you perhaps now we have a chance to catch up together?

THROUGH all the years, through laughter and tears. Neckn Pande Wawe Fatima.

TI dico il amo in italiano perche so che ti piace; Mottley

TIG, Black basque and seamed stockings. Just whistle always. Pooh

TIGGER - Bear love you more than everything. Love and cuddles. Dwingle

TIME will never change my love for it belongs to you always.

TINA Tina Tina Tina your smile lifts me your spirit inspires me my emotions worry me Tina what the Hell

TINE darling, the most beautiful mother, thankyou. Love from Arjun's Daddy.

T-J Why are You so far away? I love you more each passing day Paul

TMG Dougie and Ingy combine to send their love and kisses today

TO a very silly child, why should I behave like and adult? Your Valentine.

TO a Wiffus Exceptionalis. Thank you for another year of trials halved and pleasures doubled. from a devoted Hobbus Superioris.

TO a Wolf and Lamb it is such fun being your Bear, best London times ahead, love always. Wooly.

TO A wonderful wife and mother. I love you. Five Shiny Shillings

TO E. All my love for now. Always and forever.

TO Cathy, with love, Phil.

TO Connie, my recent inspiration - Sometimes you need a good kick! With my love. "Christopher Robin"

TO dearest Clayton from your Sykes to say I love you.

TO E 'doubt thou that the stars are fire, doubt thou that the sun doth move, doubt thou some truths to be a liar, but never doubt only you I love.' From M.

TO Fiona, Happy Valentines day, with lots of love, still, from John.

TO Grant RWBRCCI Happy Valentine's day, thank you for being such a wonderful husband, all my love, Linda.

TO Honey from Donkey all the sand on the sea shore

TO Lee Yam I love you lots Happy Anniversary Yours, always Lisa.

TO Leslie and Junior. Love you both, now and forever. Love J.C.

TO Little Louise. Anno primo volvente illum diei mirabilis all tibi hodierna festa felix instaque memorabilia

TO Loris, from Bear of West Road with all my love.

TO MARY All my love always and it will get better. Love from Kevin.

TO MOOSE with much love today and every day from The Curvy One

TO my adorable tomorrow man love from your cuddly today girl, Bunny.

TO my beautiful piglet. With loving snorts and oinks. The Big Pig

TO my best pal Muffi Bear from your ever loving Dillon. XX.

TO MY BABY Vicar. Still feel the same. God bless you XXXX

TO my Boo Boo Bear I will always love you Carina

TO my darling wife Daphne. Happy Valentines day. To the best wife in the world from your loving husband John.

TO my darling Claud, my world is empty without you. I am simply madly in love with you. From ?

TO MY DEAR WIFE, closest friend and companion for thirty years. Ewart

TO My Darling Chinchilla Happy Valentines Day from Your Popster.

TO my dear Harry Chuckle Chops, with all my love always, Mummy.

TO My Dearest Annie. I love you with all my heart and soul for the rest of your life. H

TO My Darling Colin, my Valentine, now and forever. Love always, Sharon

TO my darling Honey Bunny, Happy Valentine's Day with all my love your Little Monkey.

TO my darling Sian, I will love you always. The Butler.

TO my darling Pat love you forever and ever always T.C.

TO my darling Marky you are my life all my love Helena

TO My Darling Alison. I love you more than ever. From Adam.

"TO my favourite Mouie and Holiday Maker, may I be your Friter".

TO MY GORGEOUS Smart Arse, I'll always love you. cloyingly yours, Dumb Bunny.

TO MY Killer and what this year will bring love and kisses as always Sid

TO my little angel. My dearest darling, thank you for another wonderful year - for all the happiness and lightness brought into my life. I love you so very much wish our days did not go by so quickly. All my love Dave.

TO my Marglepoos from your devoted Boykin. My love forever plus.

TO my Miss Piggy. I love your bacon!! All my love Toad

TO my old Bean. So. so that he may know that he's not forgotten although times are rotten.

TO My Passion Pussy La,la,la,la,la,la,la,la,la,la,la! If you know what I mean. From Your green eyed Princess

TO my Robin Hood, I can't stop loving you. It's still that same feeling when our eyes meet. Maid Marian

TO My Sagittarian Lover ten years on. Fridays only to love you as you've never been loved before. I love you.

TO my special half pint sweetheart with all my love.

TO my Tiger Bunny. I love you more than ever sweetie. Stay with me always. Jimbo.

TO my very own love creature from her very own bunny. with hugs and kisses.

TO my 007 whose blue eyes I hope I'll always live in.

TOOTHLESS Creasers, yours always, Punty.

TO Pam my Valentine with all my love from Barbados: Noel

TO Pat love you lots see you on Thursday love from me

TOP CAT you're my one and only Valentine with love Pussy Cat.

TO perfectly formed. love you always, wear my ring please. from Pud.

TO Petal Bullock and the Poochy Princess of Street, here is to a million snuggles, lots of love. Big Ted.

TO P From D with all my love now forever Happy St. Valentines Day

TO Phampet
You
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The
One

TO Plum. Big huggles to my Valentine's Day Moisy. From Mikey.

TO Pooh, all my love Poohee (and Berkley).

TONIA darling you will always have all our love and respect your W S and P.

TO ROSALIA with love.

TO sexy Sue, I love you, today's the day. If you say I do. Love you always. The mad Mugger.

TO Sharon with all my love always from John

TO Sonnd, the most beautiful girl in the world. From me.

TO Strawberry, hugs and kisses from Grumpy. Bee-Bo. No 2 and Matil

TO the pretty girl. Loved you at first sight. Love you now and will forever. Marry me. From crazy boy.

TO the one and only HER INDOORS With all my love from The Sprite Man XXXXO

TO the beautiful and kind yo-yo cashier, I love you loads. The big wheel ride attendant

TO the girl from Clapham me too as well the last outpost.

TO the real boss. love you very much. from the real slave.

TO Whiskers, lots and lots of love and noserubs, from Whiskettes xxx purr purr.

TRACEY I love you, you are the sexiest lady. With love Martyn

TRACY Love you forever, thanks for everything. Nick and Barney.

"TREE" What do I gotta do, take water from the moon? "C.D/J"

TREVOR DAVIS (RIYADH) our desert rose! Happy Valentines from the loggins in the garden of England Chris, Jessica, Cherry.

TRISH, I'd ask you again if you'd baby sit with me tonight.

TROUBLE Who loves you today? Always and forever. Bottoms.

TR Tim love you loads. Ginge XXX.

TRUE Companion needs Gorgeous Girl to care for. I'll be so good for you, will you reciprocate? Be my future?

TUBBSHY, The awesome stripe has redecorated a box for his Wol XXX.

TUPPENCE, I love you very much. Will you be my Valentine. JPB.

TWEETIE 45 years and still my love burns bright, thank you for those years. cuddles.

TWENTY One I adore you more with each passing day. your Stu.

TWIGLET Piglet, Jeans, Chocolate, Guitar, D-MS, Jumper, Theatre, Yogurt = Us = Love = Future

TWO to two. Crewe Porter sends lots of love There's no need to hurry or worry or scurry.

U

UNCLE Walter loves his mummy very much and so does daddy too!

UNCLE SAM. To lose thee sweeter than to gain all other hearts I knew. Britannia.

UNSEEN Joy provides unseen Joy ! Seen ? Unseen ? Joy's a Joy ! Love Adrian

UN Seul Être vous Manque et Tout est Dépeuplé.

V

V.A. The yearning grows like the loneliness of a castaway. Honey you mean everything to me. D.B. x

VALENTINE Bear, thankyou for piglet's special care. All my love always, Moley.

VALENTINE'S Day, my opportunity to tell the world I love you Janet F

VALENTINA Con Molto Amore e Il Dolce Bacio Tavolo Tredici

VALERIE Sue. I sure love you. Valerie Sue I sure like you. Valerie Sue I am going to marry you. Church Bells!

VALERIE darling, all my love from down under, your friend and John.

VAL I've loved you for twenty years. I won't change now. Douglas.

V Could you be the most beautiful girl in the world. G.

VIC now the whole world knows how happy I am that it started with a kiss. All my love Win.

VICTORIA Thank you for the best six months of my life. Happy Valentines Day. Love Paul

VIDA you fill my life with light and my heart with joy

VITO Mancino world's No.1 chef. all my love forever from maximum Helen.

VIV - It is still forever and a Tuesday. with my Love.

W

WAINE - Being sustained by your love is what makes my life worthwhile. FPA.

WALANNE Thanks for all you've given up for me over the years. I could ask for no greater love. Jerry.

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WE built our love. Now lets build our home together.

WEEBEAR - I love all of you. be my valentine from Tiddles.

WE love you BB, every day's Valentine's day. from Yogi and Sacha.

WENDY bright eyes. Fiery dragon loves you ecstatically. Black Cat, Cape Cod, Margaritas, Martha's, Star Fish, Wales. Adores little Female Horse.

WENDY I love you forever now your eyes have run me through. This from your Breath.

WENDY My beautiful chocolate plum I love you more than ever. Pete

WENDY Thinking of you always day and night love you with all my heart. Chris xxx

WENDY Great friend and great lover. See you in Paris. BMW Man.

WENDY: Roses are blue, violets are red much love from colourblind Steve.

WENDY "Nunc scio quid sit Amor" Matt.

WENDY Janette all my love now and always lots of love Alan.

WE Sophie, Tom and Me send all our fondest love to Binky

WEST London Corpus Fanciers Club meetings are rodent bliss. Love you, III.

WHATEVER may happen now or in the future I will always love and want you "M."

WHITE Peacocks, tattered Knight, Golden Lane, Raingod bright. One kiss - a love so true: your Pilgrim Cloud and you - Always!

WHO loves you Boofie? Danish does. Who wants you Boofie? Danish does. Who does you Boofie? Danish does.

WHY waste your style, your charm, your love on headless air? Switch them to George, Do. Katy-Del

WIB, Roses are Red. Violets are Blue, Bonds is cold but I'm hot for you! SSATW.

WILL Lynne forget her last, long winter? Memory still tingles. back home

WILLIAM You will always make my heart jump. Love and XXX's, Wife

WINNIE, you're still the best. Thanks for being there; I couldn't do it without you. Love you always.

WITH Lots of Love my gorgeous Darling Pickle from your Steel Donkey XXXXXXXXXXX

WOODHOUSE I'll love you more that Nick ever could so come back now while the goings good. James.

WOOPS keep me Roar for another year just like the last. L.

WORKING Girl bet you looked under Maggie, gorgeous and with money too!

WUGGLES - Mountains snow and ice are all things nice - living with you is what I always wish to do!

WUMP I love you with all my heart.

X

XANDER, (Bobo's Love Albatross). Be my valentine, don't forget Wathelet! Love Sarah.xx

Y

YES I love you! Just a little bit more than yesterday - Kevin.

YIN YIN, Faithful guardian of creation. your universe loves you! Yang Yang.

YOU are the best of my life and forever I'll be loving you.

YOU are as sweet as marmalade. I'd like to kneel before you.

YOUR Kisses are like wine: Let's drink together forever! Miss Wibbles Stepmann.

YOU still drive me wild but now its in a BMW. Love from JUN in reverse

YVONNE You are so beautiful, caring, happy, loving, strong, sexy, vulnerable, sensuous, funny, trusted, devoted, supportive, always, your Red Lion.

YVONNE Yet should the thoughts of me your bubble swain. Abscond to heaven in honour of my love. H.S.

YVONNE Sorry I'm away again, thinking of you, all my love, Neil.

Z

ZANA Kenny. With all my love. Dinner is at 8 pm. RJC.

ZOE BURCHELL (Little Chunky) Be my only Valentine forever. All my love Mart. XXXX

ZOE from your large poppet. You're a wonderful lady and your mine.

ZOE the best thing that could have happened to me 34 Short.

ZSUZSA Two million 'I love yous' darling. All my love - your Tom.

'He loves but little who Can say and count in words, how much he loves' DANTE

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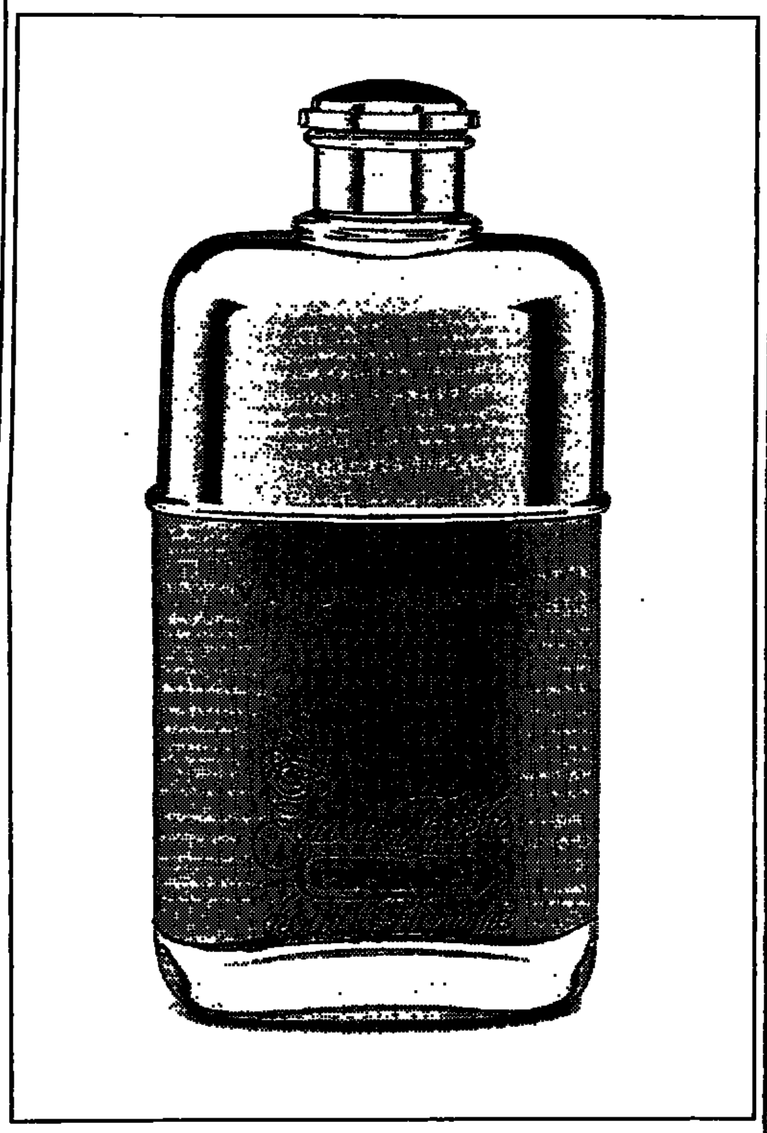
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Santer immigration threat to Britain

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Jacques Santer, the President of the Commission, will tell the European Parliament that he is planning a directive that aims to end Britain's right to keep checks at ports and airports to monitor the movements of non-EU citizens who wish to enter Britain. Any such directive would have to be approved by all 15 member states..... **Pages 1, 2, 8, 16, 17**

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Director of the CIA used to be one of Washington's most coveted jobs, a critical command position on the front lines of the Cold War. But no longer — *The New York Times*

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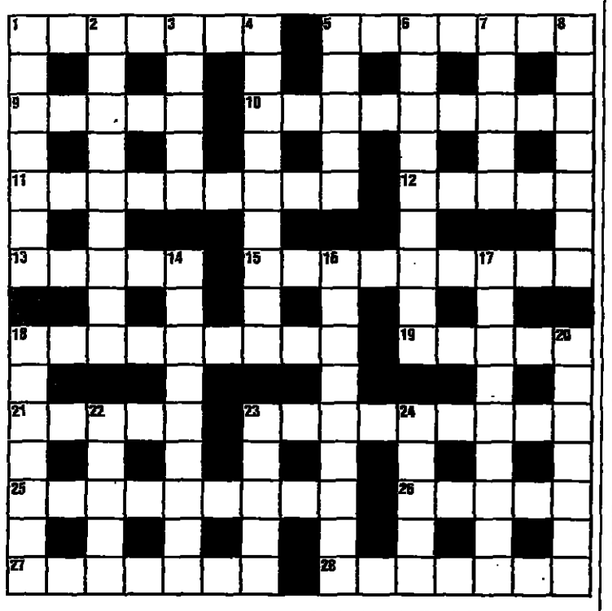
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Sunday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, Channel Islands, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Sella Ness, Shetland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Sella Ness, Shetland, 0.67in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 6.5hr.

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will start dry but rain will reach Wales and southwest England around midday, and then spread east across all areas. Southwesterly winds will strengthen, touching gale force, but it should be mild. Scotland and Northern Ireland will start dry, except on western coasts. Rain in Northern Ireland later in the morning will spread across all areas by evening. Strong to gale-force southerly winds, turning westerly. Mild in most places.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** dry with clear or sunny spells, rain will arrive by evening. Wind SW, fresh increasing strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles:** sunny spells at first, rain spreading east, followed by clearer weather. Wind SW, fresh increasing strong. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland:** dry at first. Rain, heavy at times, spreading east, followed by brighter, showery weather. Wind SW, strong, perhaps gale. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland:** showers then rain, which will be heavy at times. Thundery showers later. Wind S, strong to gale, turning W. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Orkney, Shetland:** rain at first, turning mainly dry. Further rain from the southwest during the evening. Wind SW, moderate, turning S, strong to gale. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Outlook:** unsettled with showers, brighter intervals. Mild in the south.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.6	0.22	9	48	c
Anglesey	-	0.20	10	50	r
Aspatria	-	0.23	9	48	r
Aviemore	0.6	0.31	7	45	r
Belfast	0.6	0.03	9	48	c
Birmingham	5.5	0.02	11	52	b
Bognor R	5.1	0.02	11	52	b
Bournem'th	4.3	0.10	12	54	s
Bristol	3.0	0.01	13	55	b
Buxton	3.5	0.20	9	48	b
Cardiff	1.1	0.03	11	52	c
Clacton	4.1	0.02	10	50	b
Colwyn Bay	X				
Cromer	4.1	0.06	11	52	b
Doncaster	3.5	0.02	12	54	b
Eastbourne	5.3	0.03	11	52	b
Edinburgh	-	0.08	9	48	r
Eskdalemuir	-	0.57	7	45	r
Exmouth	1.5	0.03	11	52	c
Falmouth	X	0.04	12	54	s
Fishguard	1.5	0.06	10	50	c
Folkestone	5.3	0.08	11	52	b
Glasgow	-	0.20	10	50	r
Guernsey	5.7	-	15	59	s
Hastings	5.8	0.03	11	52	b
Heyling L	3.5	0.02	11	52	b
Herne Bay	5.1	0.08	12	54	b
Hove	4.8	-	11	52	b
Hunstanton	3.9	0.05	11	52	b
Isle of Man	-	0.02	10	50	r
Jersey	5.5	0.01	12	54	b
Kinloss	2.3	0.18	9	48	r
Leeds	6.2	0.03	12	54	s
Lerwick	2.6	0.61	4	39	r
Leuchars	1.1	0.04	10	50	r
Lisdemahon	4.8	0.03	11	52	b
Liverpool	0.3	0.24	11	52	c
London	2.3	0.01	12	54	b
Lowestoft	5.6	0.03	11	52	b
Manchester	3.0	0.09	12	54	b
Margate	-	X 0.03	12	54	b
Minehead	4.7	0.05	13	55	b
Morecambe	-	0.56	10	50	r
Newcastle	3.8	-	11	52	s
Newquay	X				
Norwich	6.1	0.06	11	52	s
Nottingham	5.1	0.02	11	52	b
Oxford	2.7	-	12	54	b
Penzance	5.9	-	13	55	s
Plymouth	3.5		11	52	b
Poole	2.4	0.03	13	55	b
Prestatyn	X	0.03	12	54	c
Ross-o-wye	4.1	0.02	12	54	b
Ryde	X				
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	5.0	0.01	12	54	s
Saunton Snd	6.2	0.04	12	54	s
Scarboro'	3.2	0.05	11	52	s
Scilly Isles	6.5	0.01	12	54	s
Shanklin	4.0	0.01	11	52	b
Shrewsbury	2.2	0.03	11	52	b
Skegness	4.3	-	12	54	b
Southend	1.0	0.02	11	52	b
Southport	1.2	0.12	11	52	b
Southsea	3.5	0.02	11	52	b
Stornoway	1.2	0.39	8	46	r
Swanage	3.0	0.01	11	52	b
Teignmouth	1.8	0.02	12	54	b
Tenby	3.9	-	11	52	b
Tiree	2.3	0.12	8	46	r
Torquay	1.9	0.02	13	55	b
Tynemouth	4.0	-	11	52	s
Ventnor	4.9	0.01	11	52	b
West-s-mare	X				
Weymouth	4.2	0.01	12	54	b

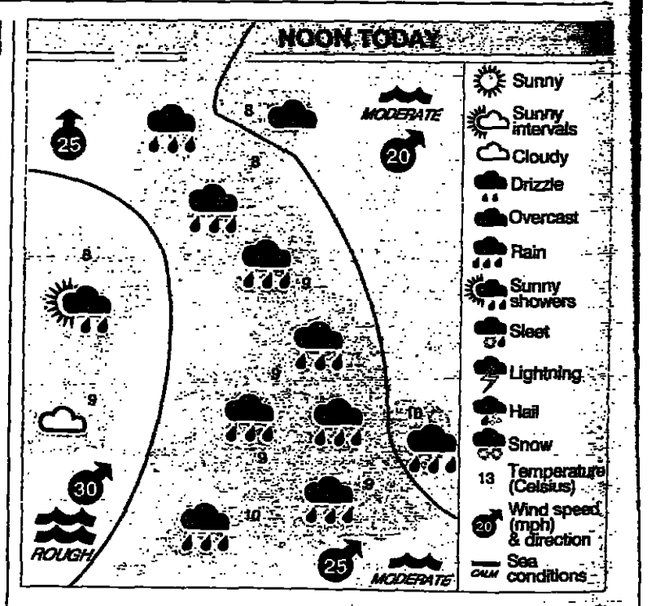
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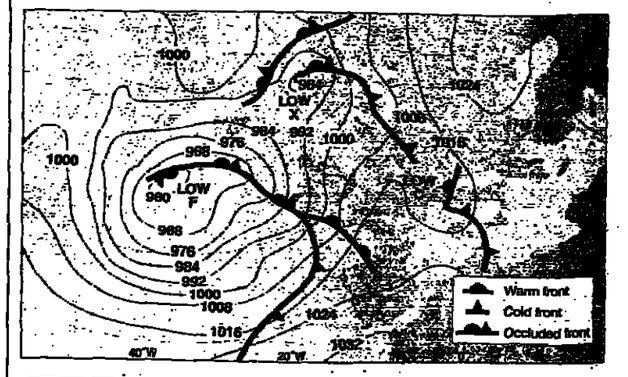
Ajaccio	15	59	s	C'phagn	5	41	s
Akrotiri	19	66	s	Corfu	16	61	s
Alex'dria	19	66	f	Dublin	9	48	r
Algiers	22	72	s	Dubrovnik	14	57	s
Amst'dm	9	48	c	Faro	18	64	s
Athens	17	63	s	Florence	13	55	f
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	8	46	c
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	19	66	s
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	13	55	f
Barcelona	15	59	d	Gibraltar	14	57	c
Beirut	19	66	s	Helsinki	1	34	c
Belgrade	14	57	f	Hong K	23	73	s
Berlin	11	52	s	Innsbruck	9	48	s
Bermuda	23	73	f	Istanbul	12	54	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	29	84	s
Borde'x	14	57	f	Jo'burg	23	84	s
Brussels	11	52	f	Karachi	27	81	f
Budapst	13	55	s	L Palmas	20	68	s
B Aires	27	81	f	Le Touet	11	52	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Lisbon	16	61	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Locarno	8	46	c
Chicago	-12	10	s	L Angels	15	59	f
Ch'church	-	--		Luxembg	10	50	c
Cologne	12	54	f	Luxor	35	79	c
Madrid	13	55	c	Riyadh	20	68	s
Majorca	16	61	c	Rome	16	59	f
Malaga	14	57	c	Salzburg	13	55	s
Malta	17	63	f	S F'risco	11	52	c
Melb'rne	30	86	s	Santiago	29	84	s
Mexico C	-	--		S Paulo	22	72	c
Miami	29	84	s	Seoul	5	41	s
Milan	8	46	d	Sing'por	25	77	t
Montreal	-18	0	s	St'kholm	5	41	c
Moscow	-3	27	sn	Strasb'rg	15	59	s
Munich	14	57	s	Sydney	25	77	f
Nairobi	26	79	f	Tangier	14	57	f
Naples	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
N Delhi	23	73	f	Tenerife	20	68	s
N York	-7	19	s	Tokyo	11	52	f
Nice	10	50	r	Toronto	-9	16	s
Oslo	0	32	f	Tunis	19	66	s
Paris	10	50	r	Valencia	18	64	f
Peking	6	43	s	Vanc'ver	3	37	f
Perth	-	--		Venice	8	46	f
Prague	7	45	s	Vienna	9	48	s
Reykjavik	0	32	c	Warsaw	10	50	s
Rhodes	16	61	f	Wash'ton	-6	21	s
Rio de J	25	77	s	Zurich	11	52	s

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to the chart below from noon: low F will move northeast and begin to fill. Low X will move northeast and fill; low C will move southeast and fill



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	0:49	6.36	1:12	6.52	Leith	1:46	5.03	2:07	5.24
Aberdeen	0:42	4.02	0:54	4.20	Liverpool	10:36	8.90	10.57	8.89
Avonmouth	6.26	12.36	6:49	12.41	Lowestoft	9:02	2.34	9:04	2.46
Belfast	10:20	3.34	10:46	3.10	Margate	11:30	4.40	11:39	4.57
Cardiff	6.07	10.89	6:32	10.89	Milford Haven	5:30	5.46	5:51	6.51
Devonport	4:55	5.21	5.20	5.10	Newquay	4:19	6.15	4:37	6.24
Dover	10.21	6.12	10:40	6.34	Oban	5:05	3.68	5:35	3.77
Dublin	11:05	3.89	11:18	3.73	Penzance	4:01	5.15	4.20	5.13
Falmouth	4:12	4.78	4:32	4.87	Portland	5:55	1.86	6.26	1.80
Glasgow	0:01	4.07	0:02	4.47	Portsmouth	10:34	4.43	11.09	4.65
Harwich	11:14	3.66	11:31	3.73	Shoreham	10:21	5.85	10:49	5.98
Holyhead	9:40	5.30	10:00	5.19	Southampton	10:08	4.39	10:32	4.39
Hull	5:37	6.88	5:49	7.14	Swansea	5:40	8.84	6:04	8.91
Ilfracombe	5:13	8.53	5:36	8.70	Tees	2:56	4.78	3:10	5.00
King's Lynn	5:33	5.84	5:47	6.02	W'ton-on-Nze	11:01	3.78	11:14	3.98

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.17 am
Sun sets: 5.13 pm
Moon sets 6.16 am
Moon rises 4.32 pm

London 5.13 pm to 7.16 am
Bristol 5.23 pm to 7.25 am
Edinburgh 5.14 pm to 7.39 am
Manchester 5.17 pm to 7.29 am
Penzance 5.38 pm to 7.34 am

Full moon tomorrow

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Scholey becomes chief executive as Cairns quits

1,000 Warburg jobs may go

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 1,000 jobs are set to go at SG Warburg as part of a cost-cutting exercise revealed yesterday along with the departure of Lord Cairns, the chief executive.

He has been forced to accept responsibility for the failure of merger talks with Morgan Stanley. He offered his resignation to an emergency meeting of the Warburg board at the weekend.

News of his departure came as Warburg issued a profits warning. The shares continued their downward spiral, closing 20p lower at 706p last night.

Sir David Scholey, the chairman, has cancelled retirement plans and is to take over the chief executive's role, heading a new executive committee of five, which will effectively be the bank's chief executive. He said: "The close-knit executive partnership core is the most effective style of management and one I am comfortable with."

In the short term, the bank is expected to begin to scale back its share-trading operation. Instead, it is likely to concentrate on higher-margin business such as share issuing and trading in the shares of larger firms. The cutbacks are expected to come in secondary equities distribution where margins are low.

Warburg was keen to emphasise that the decision to go came from Lord Cairns, that he had not been asked to resign. However, the directors made no attempt to persuade him to stay as chief executive. Sir David said Lord Cairns was offered a job as a senior banker in corporate finance, but decided to go.

Sir David said: "The Morgan Stanley discussions took a very heavy toll on Simon Cairns." He believed the merger would enable him to achieve his long-term strategic vision of turning Warburg into a powerful global investment banking group. When the talks failed, he felt as though the ground had been swept from under his feet.





Sir David Scholey, top, and Lord Cairns, who has quit

The Warburg board was forced to act to restore confidence after the failed merger attempt and the departure last week of some of its key staff to Morgan Grenfell.

In staff meetings yesterday and in a memo to staff, Sir David attempted to restore calm and set out a strategy for Warburg's future.

In a profits warning, Sir David said that while Mercury Asset Management, Warburg's 75 per cent-owned fund manager, had performed in line with expectations and some of the investment bank's activities had done well, "the difficult market environment has continued to have an adverse effect on investment banking results".

The results for 1994 will be published in May. Analysts lowered their profit forecasts for Warburg from about £160 million to £135 million.

Sir David said: "What we have to do is to make some changes to revitalise profitability. That can change the shape of certain parts of the business. A number of our businesses will continue to have global coverage and global aspirations. Others may be more specialised, more localised, more discrete to certain areas or industries."

Brandon Gough, a non-executive director and former chairman of Coopers & Lybrand, has become deputy chairman.

Warburg's new executive committee for its investment banking business is made up of Sir David, Michael Sargent, a board director and head of securities, Colin Buchan, global sales head, Edward Chandler, who had responsibility for Warburg's Dutch and Nordic region business, and Mark Nicholls, joint head of corporate finance. Mr Buchan, Mr Chandler and Mr Nicholls are to jointhe Warburg board.

Sir David said he greatly regretted the departure of Lord Cairns.

He said that, under the circumstances, he was pleased to be able to return to full-time investment banking. He is likely to stay in the job for at least two years, hoping to turn its performance around before looking for a chief executive and chairman. He is expected to give up some of his directorships which include, the Bank of England, BT, GEC, London First and the BBC.

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JEREMY YOUNG

The meeting that led to Lord Cairns's resignation was held at Warburg's Broadgate offices

Two more leave in Mulcahy revamp

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

THE boardroom bloodbath at Kingfisher, the troubled retail conglomerate, continued yesterday with the abrupt departure of two more executive directors.

Nigel Whittaker, corporate affairs director, and Tim Breene, director of strategy, are to leave after a head office review. A total of 40 out of 100 jobs at the group's London headquarters are to be axed.

Sir Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive, said that the move was aimed at giving greater power to the retail subsidiaries rather than simply cutting costs. The move is expected to generate annual savings of about £5 million.

The development will once again throw the spotlight on corporate pay. Mr Whittaker and Mr Breene were both on three-year rolling contracts and could receive combined payoffs of more than £2 million.

Their departures come less than three weeks after the ousting of Alan Smith, the former chief executive, and James Kerr-Muir, who was finance director.

Analysts believe that the latest changes make the break-up of the group more likely. One said: "If they are going to devolve power in this way, then people will be even more convinced there is going to be a break-up."

Sir Geoffrey vehemently dismissed such claims, saying that the group centre still had an important role to play. He also denied the existence of a rift between himself and Mr Whittaker. The two have worked together for 17 years, but Mr Whittaker was increasingly seen as a supporter of Mr Smith.

Mr Breene was recruited only last April to head the group's strategy unit. The team is now being dismantled and Sir Geoffrey will resume control of group strategy.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3081.1	(-28.8)
Yield	4.24%	
FT-SE A All share	1519.85	(-11.00)
Nikkei	18313.86	(+22.51)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3943.45	(+4.36)*
S&P Composite	481.59	(+0.13)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	6%*	(5¼%)
Long Bond	99¹⁄₃₂*	(99¹⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.69%*	(7.67%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6⁹⁵⁄₁₀₀%	(6⁹³⁄₁₀₀%)
Lilfe long gilt future (Mar)	100¹⁵⁄₃₂	(101¹⁄₄)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5632*	(1.5635)
London:		
$	1.5633	(1.5619)
DM	2.3764	(2.3777)
FFr	8.2390	(8.2280)
SFr	2.0059	(2.0075)
Yen	154.18	(154.32)
£ Index	78.8	(78.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5208*	(1.5190)
FFr	5.2695*	(5.2585)
SFr	1.2835*	(1.2823)
Yen	98.62*	(98.90)
$ Index	62.5	(62.6)

Tokyo close Yen 98.97

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr) $16.60 ($16.70)

GOLD

London close $374.25 ($376.55)

* denotes midday trading price

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Direct Line's new cut-price life insurance arm opens for business tomorrow, thus promising further grief for an industry already tottering under the weight of galloping public discontent and tighter regulatory demands. Page 24

Heavy fall

Shares in Misys fell heavily after the business software maker agreed to pay a lofty £212 million for ACT Group, its struggling rival. Analysts said Misys shareholders fled because of the expense of the deal and concern over ACT's past performance. Page 25, Tempus 26

Producer prices fuel fears of rate rises

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Government yesterday faced more evidence of rising price pressures in industry even as demand on the high street appears to be weakening.

Producer prices charged at the factory gate rose by 0.9 per cent in January, pushing the annual rate of output price inflation to 3.4 per cent from 2.8 per cent in December, according to the Central Statistical Office. This was higher than the City had expected and the news undermined the gilt market amid fear that interest rates may head higher again in coming months.

At the same time, the CBI distributive trades survey showed high street demand weakened in January, with sales volumes falling to a slightly lower level than January 1994.

The latest economic news comes just over a week after interest rates were raised for the third time since the recovery began. The Bank of England noted in last week's *Inflation Report* that, without the last two interest rate increases, it would have predicted a rise in inflation to the upper half of the Government's target range. However, the monetary tightening since November had "improved the prospect of achieving the lower half of the target range by the end of the present Parliament".

Nevertheless, the authorities will be watching to see whether the pressure on manufacturers of higher raw materials costs eases — some commodity prices have weakened in recent weeks — or whether demand weakens further.

If this were to happen, the authorities may not need to react to the rise in output prices already seen. However, if prices continue to rise, the authorities may need to act, probably through higher rates.

Michael Saunders, of Salomon Brothers, said that the main pressure on prices was coming from strong demand for British goods abroad, not at home, and that a stronger pound, rather than higher rates, would be most effective. But he noted that the Government's political difficulties make it hard for "sterling to levitate spontaneously".

About 0.4 per cent of the output price increase was due to excise duty increases announced in the mini-Budget in December. However, excluding food, drink, tobacco and petrol products, factory gate prices still rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent in January and by 3.4 per cent over the past year. This is the highest rate for underlying output price inflation since November 1991.

Rising output prices reflect continuing increases in raw material costs and particularly commodities. The CSO said that input prices rose by 1.3 per cent in January, a rise of 11.5 per cent over the past year.

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Rank share options set to inflame executive pay row

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

RANK Organisation, the diversified leisure group, has poured fuel on the row over executive share options with the grant of another 1.4 million options shared out among its seven-strong executive board. The new options are not exercisable for three years, and under the terms of the company's scheme there is a further condition that earnings growth must also outpace inflation by 2 per cent over the same period.

But they were created a month ago, after the company's full-year figures, and are therefore based on the then share price on the stock market that was some 20p below the current price. Of the seven directors, four, including Michael Gifford, the chief executive, receive 208,840 new options apiece.

Several hundred other managers will also be granted an undisclosed number of fresh options. The grant was revealed in the formal document to shareholders accompanying Rank's sale of 40 per cent of its holding in Rank Xerox, the photocopier, to Xerox, its Japanese partner.

Mr Gifford defended the latest grant, the last under the company's ten-year scheme, due to expire soon. He said: "If management of companies make money out of options, then shareholders do — this aligns the financial interests of the management with those of the shareholders."

A new executive share option scheme, along the same lines of the existing arrangement, has now been created and will be voted on by shareholders at the end of this month.

Most of the directors have already seen substantial benefits from the earlier scheme. Six shared paper profits totalling £1.8 million from previously granted options at prices well below market price.

'It's not so much a product, it's an attitude'

Coke tries Mind over Mango to defeat own-label brands

BY JON ASHWORTH

COCA-COLA unveiled its latest weapon against own-label supermarket brands yesterday — a large, pink, logo-splattered mobile home. The customised van was parked on London's Mall to accompany the launch of a new range of mixed fruit drinks.

Fruitopia, which goes on sale in May, backed up by a £3.7 million advertising campaign, marks the latest attempt by Coca-Cola to expand away from its core brands. The van, a resprayed Recreational Vehicle dubbed The Fruitmobile, will visit shops and supermarkets to draw attention to the new fruity range, aimed at the adult market, and sold under catchy names such as Mind Over Mango and Banana Vanilla Rapture.

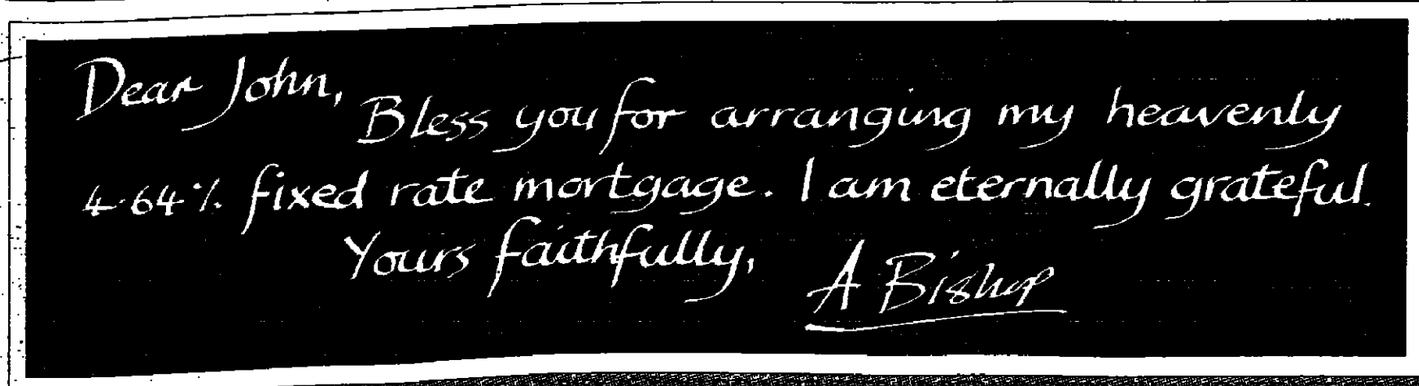
Coca-Cola claims the product is a hit in America, where it made its debut last summer.



The British version has been modified to suit local tastes after extensive market research — although one suspects a visit to a typical high street store may have played a part. Fruitopia, sold in 500ml bottles, bears a suspicious resemblance to Snapple, one of the most popular of a variety of so-called New Age drinks that play to a young, health-conscious audience. It will sell for between 79p-99p. Fruitopia bottles are plastered with Green imagery, using aboriginal emblems built around three key symbols — mind, body and planet. The label promotes the use of natural ingredients and lack of preservatives, but health freaks expecting a pure juice product are in for a shock. The average juice content is only 10 per cent. The rest is water, flavouring, citric acid, and sugar.

Coca-Cola is unrepentant, claiming similar fruit drinks have just 5 per cent juice on average. Jane Webb, new brand development manager for Coca-Cola Great Britain, hailed Fruitopia as "hip" and "upbeat" — adding "it's not so much a product, it's an attitude".

Officially, the launch is about growing the £6 billion a year UK soft drinks market. Research suggests people will drink 50 per cent more soft drinks by the year 2,000, and Coca-Cola wants to hold its own in an expanding arena.



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Direct Line opens for cheaper life insurance

BY LIZ DOLAN

DIRECT LINE'S new cut-price life insurance arm opens for business tomorrow, thus promising further grief for an industry already tottering under the weight of galloping public discontent and tighter regulatory demands.

The company that became Britain's biggest motor insurer after fewer than ten years in the business, now aims to take on life companies by selling protection-only policies, rather than tacking life cover on to investment products.

A spokesman said: "We don't think other insurance companies have cottoned on to the changes facing the market. Look at what's going to happen to state disability benefits in April. You're going to need cover for illness and disability, which will no longer be properly provided for by the state.

"We're giving customers a better deal on protection products, leaving them with more scope to make their own investment decisions."

Direct Line dismisses allegations that it will only offer realistic premiums to low-risk customers. "Most people will be paying the standard premium in each category," it says. The standard premium for a male non-smoker, aged 49, for £50,000 whole-of-life cover is £84.02, or £28.69 for a fixed 15-year term.

The company says its prices undercut the market because it will not have to finance a direct sales force that spends most of its time trying to flush out, and sell to, its customers. Direct Line staff will only be talking to people who want to buy, it says.

Customers are offered a number of options under the umbrella of one Direct Line income protection plan. These include replacement income, lump sum payment or repayment of an outstanding mortgage, depending on individual circumstances.

Death from Aids is covered, but not disability. Suicides are covered only if they die more than a year after taking out the policy. The upper age limit for all new policyholders is 60, except for whole-of-life insurance, which is available to anyone up to 70.

All staff will receive six weeks' training and will then have to pass a set series of tests before they will be allowed to deal with customers. The course was devised by Direct Line and has been approved by the Personal Investment Authority, the industry regulator. Staff are paid "a decent basic salary", the company says, thus having no need to hard-sell for commissions.

As with Direct Line's telephone mortgage service, launched last October, the life insurance service will be closed to all but existing customers. "With 2.5 million customers, we've got more than enough to be going on with," the spokesman said.

The mortgage service has been flooded with applicants since launch. It recently had to supplement the initial 100 staff with 50 new employees to cope with demand for its 7.1 per cent variable rate. Most applicants have been remortgaging loans from other lenders.

High street sales show sharp fall, says CBI

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

HIGH street sales fell back sharply last month, according to figures today from the Confederation of British Industry.

The figures are considerably worse than retailers had expected, and suggest that any recovery in consumer demand is still only tentative at best.

They come ahead of the Government's own figures on retail sales, which are due to be published tomorrow. City analysts are forecasting that the government figures will show virtually flat sales growth in January, confirming a slowdown in retail sales in recent months.

However, the CBI's latest distributive trades survey of 15,000 outlets in retailing, wholesaling and the motor trades shows a marked fall back in high street sales.

A balance of 2 per cent of retailers, or those recording an increase set against those registering a decline, said that sales volumes fell in January.

The proportion of retailers reporting higher year-on-year sales volumes was 32 per cent while 34 per cent reported a fall in trade.

This balance compares with a positive figure of 19 per cent in December, and suggests that high street retailers had a much poorer January sales season than some were claiming.

The figure is considerably less than retailers had been expecting, since a balance of 10 per cent had been forecasting growth.

Retailers are expecting sales volumes to rise in the year to February.

Alastair Eperon, chairman of the CBI's distributive trades survey panel, acknowledges today: "Retail sales growth has once again proved to be weaker than retailers expected, and indeed expectations have not now been met in eight out of the last 12 months."

He says that on an underlying basis, high street trade is still growing only modestly.

The largest increases in sales volumes were reported by confectionery, tobacco and newspaper shops while the CBI says that "marked" reductions in trade were reported by specialist food retailers, chemists and hardware, china and DIY stores.

High street sales were regarded generally as below average for the time of year. Orders fell in January, and are expected to remain flat since stock levels are seen as more than adequate in relation to expected demand.

The poor retail figures caused the overall figures for the distributive trades to fall back, with the balance of companies across the survey reporting an increase in sales volumes dropping back from 33 per cent in December to 14 per cent last month.

Motor traders reported that, roughly as expected, sales fell slightly in the year to January, and remain below average for the time of year. While growth in wholesalers' volumes rose moderately in the year to January, the rise was at the slowest rate of increase since last April.

NEWSTEAM



Room to expand: Regal Hotel Group, the acquisitive hotel owner and manager, promises to continue "its aggressive but measured expansion" in 1995, according to Charles Vere Nicholl, seated, with Nicholas Crawley, managing director, at the Brownsover Hotel, Rugby. A total of eight hotels were acquired in 1994, expanding the portfolio to 12 properties and lifting taxable profits to £733,000 in the year ending January 1. Profits of £573,000 in the previous 12 months included an exceptional credit of £1.2 million. Earnings eased to 0.06p a share from 0.18p. There is again no dividend. The shares were unchanged at 1½p.

NHL wins fight with rebels over refinance

BY NEIL BENNETT
DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

NATIONAL Home Loans, the centralised mortgage lender, emerged victorious in its battle with rebel preference shareholders yesterday when an extraordinary meeting narrowly approved plans for the company's reorganisation and a £50 million rights issue.

The company needed approval of 75 per cent of each class of shareholders to put its plans into action. In the event, the crucial vote of preference shareholders was passed by 80.5 per cent of voters. All other votes were passed by a show of hands.

NHL's victory means it will be able to continue lending new mortgages and restore its balance sheet sufficiently to pay dividends again.

The meeting was a culmination of a battle between the company and a group of arbitrageurs who were trying to block the reorganisation. NHL has been lobbying shareholders to ensure that they voted in favour of the proposals. Its work ensured that the vote attracted a high turnout, with 85 per cent of preference holders voting.

NHL's plans were put in jeopardy last month when the rebels, who owned 14 per cent of the preference shares, said they were opposed to the company raising new funds.

Jonathan Perry, NHL's chairman, said : "We always knew the refinancing was right, and it hung together beautifully. It was just exasperating to find oneself having to fight for it."

NHL plans a three-year programme to revitalise mortgage lending. The business started again last August, although it has attracted only several hundred applications. The firm expects its £1.6 billion lending book to continue falling for two years as borrowers repay their loans and new business remains slow.

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BUSINESS ROUND

SIB warns City over standards

THE Securities and Investments Board has reminded City firms that they face the threat of disciplinary action if they fail to observe high standards of dealing and market conduct. The warning follows reports that the Securities and Futures Authority is studying how market-makers at Swiss Bank Corporation, adviser to Trafalgar House in its £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electric, came to build up stakes in Northern and Yorkshire Electricity.

The SIB said the use of so-called "contracts for differences" — designed, in this case, to allow Trafalgar to recoup some of its bid costs — could give rise to conflicts of interest, and urged firms to contact their regulators when in doubt. Both Trafalgar and SBC sought extensive guidance before employing the contracts. The SIB is anxious to clarify uncertainty over the use of innovative techniques, without stifling the innovation that goes with a developing market. The SIB said it was not intending to be critical of any party.

US defence jobs go

THE shake-up of America's defence industry continued with the announcement by Northrop Grumman that it will dismiss another 1,100 employees this week. The move is due to the cancellation of a missile programme, the company said. In December, the Pentagon ordered a $7.7 billion reduction in spending on defence weapons programmes, scrapping Northrop's AGM-137 Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile programme. Northrop said last September that it would cut 9,000 jobs before the end of this year.

More jobs for Wales

ONE hundred jobs will be created by the first Taiwan-owned company to move to Wales. Ringtel Electronics UK announced yesterday that it is investing £2.45 million in a factory at Llantarnam Park in Cwmbran, Gwent, producing connectors and other components for the telecommunications industry. This will be the company's first European operation, and its decision to choose Wales is the result of a year of intensive negotiations between the company and the Welsh Development Agency.

New smartcard group

GPT has launched a division to develop smartcard technology and applications. GPT Card Technology will have about 150 employees and operate from new headquarters in Coventry. Smartcards will be created for various everday uses, including banking and retailing. The group will draw on the technical expertise of GPT's two owners, GEC and Siemens, of Germany. GPT Card Technology has delivered its first smartcards to British Telecom. They will replace the optical cards now used in public payphones.

Metrotect warning

SHARES in Metrotect Industries, which makes materials for corrosion prevention, fell to 41p from 59p after the company gave a warning of a lull in current activity and announced the departure of Brian Thomas, the chairman, to pursue personal interests. It said that results in the second half would fall short of expectations because contractors were deferring decisions on significant contracts. Mr Thomas will remain a consultant for two years. He will be succeeded by John Philips, former managing director of Vernons Pools.

Steel production rises

CRUDE steel production in the European Union rose 5 per cent to 138.9 million tonnes last year, the European Commission's statistical office said yesterday. German output, which accounted for 29.4 per cent of the EU total, rose 8.6 per cent to 40.8 million tonnes, Eurostat said. Italian steel production edged up 1.4 per cent to 26.1 million tonnes, while output in France climbed 5.3 per cent to 18 million tonnes. UK output rose 3.9 per cent to 17.4 million tonnes, while production in the Irish Republic fell 14 per cent to 283,000 tonnes.

High-Point in black

HIGH-POINT, the project management and consultancy group that incurred full-year losses of £442,000 before tax last year, has restored the interim dividend at 0.5p after returning to the black in the half year to November 30 with profits of £221,000 before tax. In the first half of the previous year the company earned £93,000 before tax. UK businesses continue to trade in a difficult and competitive environment, although the engineering activities of Rendel Palmer & Tritton, a subsidiary, held up well.

Trade mission to India

BRITAIN is very much in the lead in India in turning proposed projects into reality, Michael Heseltine, right, the President of the Board of Trade, said yesterday before leaving for the subcontinent at the head of a trade mission that will last three days. Mr Heseltine said that while only 11 per cent of American investment approvals in India had been converted into real business, the British conversion rate was 49 per cent.



TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.19	2.02
Austria Sch	17.70	16.20
Belgium Fr	51.82	47.52
Canada $	2.298	2.138
Cyprus Cyp£	0.773	0.718
Denmark Kr	9.96	9.16
Finland Mkk	7.88	7.23
France Fr	8.66	8.01
Germany Dm	2.53	2.32
Greece Dr	369.00	368.00
Hong Kong $	12.73	11.73
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.96
Italy Lira	2825.00	2470.00
Japan Yen	168.50	152.50
Malta	0.619	0.568
Netherlds Gld	2.812	2.582
Norway Kr	10.98	10.18
Portugal Esc	258.00	237.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.29
Spain Pta	212.00	198.00
Sweden Kr	12.20	11.40
Switzerland Fr	2.13	1.95
Turkey Lira	refer	62365.0
USA $	1.560	1.530

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'Watchdogs pay scant regard to warnings'

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S industry regulators are failing the public because of their sloppy responses to warnings from employees about companies' shortcomings, according to Public Concern at Work.

In its first annual report, it says that regulators should accept that it is part of their job to investigate employee allegations of malpractice in regulated industries. In total, 620 concerns were notified to the charity by employees seeking legal advice.

About 49 per cent of cases concerned alleged financial malpractice. Workplace safety was the next most common cause of concern, followed by public safety. Some 51 per cent of complaints concerned private companies.

Guy Dehn, director of the charity, said that too many regulators paid scant regard to employees who raised concerns.

The public sector also occasioned many complaints, with local authorities and the health service causing most concerns.

Gooda Walker names wait for ruling on damages

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

A HIGH Court judge will rule today on whether Gooda Walker names are entitled to an early payment of part of their damages arising from last year's successful action.

The judgment has important implications for the 3,000 litigants' chances of recovering part of their losses, which result from an incestuous web of reinsurance contracts for a string of catastrophes, including the Exxon Valdez oil spill and the Piper Alpha disaster.

The Gooda Walker names estimate that last October's court victory is worth £504 million and last week Mr Justice Philips, the High Court judge, heard the action group's application for an interim payment of the award. He may agree to the award, but postpone its payment.

An interim payment will ensure the Gooda Walker names have access to the limited pot of insurance funds available to meet names' successful actions. The amount of errors and omissions insurance cover available is significantly less than the amount being claimed by names and, as a result, the funds are being distributed on a first come, first served, basis. An interim payment would also enable the Gooda Walker names to step into the shoes of any collapsed defendants and pursue recovery of reinsurance owed.

The judgment will have implications for the names' ability to recover an estimated £80 million of interest incurred on their losses.

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TAKE NOTICE that a Statutory Demand has been issued by THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION 1 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG
The creditor demands payment of £10,428.69 the amount now due on a Judgment of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division dated the 18th day of January 1995.
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION No.00864 of 1995
IN THE MATTER OF NEW FARM ESTATES PLC AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that a Petition was on 31 January 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Capital of the above-named Company from £4,300,000 to £980,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday 22 February 1995.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

DATED this 10th day of February 1995
Berwin Leighton
Adelaide House
London Bridge
London EC4R 9HA
Ref IL/N135/G
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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Lennon Court Hotel
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Trade classification: 47
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Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): National Westminster Bank plc
P R Copp and G S Hanlon
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos) 1788 and 8269)
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THE BACON GROUP LIMITED - IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Swallow Hotel, Carter Lane East, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 2EH on 21 February 1995 at 12 Noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Creditors requiring a list of the company's trading addresses should contact in the first instance Fiona Hall on 0602 850511. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Touche Ross & Co of 1 Wesentborough Road, Nottingham, NG1 2FQ, during the two business days preceding the above meeting. Dated: 30 January 1995
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.
Philip Bacon, Director

NO. 82 OF 1995
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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IN THE MATTER OF KODE INTERNATIONAL PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9th February 1995 confirming the reduction of capital from £3,150,000 to £1,268,308.80 and the reduction of the amount standing to the credit of the share premium account by £3,262,842.36 of the above named Company resolved and effected by a Special Resolution passed at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on 22nd December 1994 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 9th February 1995
DATED this 9th day of February 1995
Theodore Goddard
150 Aldersgate Street
London EC1A 4EJ
Solicitors for the above named Company

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TRUSTEE ACTS

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
DECORATIVE STAINED GLASS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 3.9 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Decorative Stained Glass Limited will be held at The Cairndale Hotel, English Street, Dumfries, on Friday 24 February 1995 at 11 am. The Receivers' report will be presented to the meeting and the opportunity given to elect a committee to represent the creditors. A Creditor will be entitled to vote at the meeting only if details in writing of the debt claimed to be due to him by the company have been given to the administrative receivers at Neville Russell, 90 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5UB no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, and the claim has been admitted in accordance with the Insolvency Rules 1986.

Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance (if any) of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Dated the Sixth day of February 1995.

PETER C DEAN
Joint Administrative Receiver

Companies seeing benefits from EWCs

'Works councils work'

BY PHILIP BASSETT

EUROPEAN works councils, which the Government opposes for the UK, help companies communicate with their employees, according to a new management survey today.

Brussels is introducing laws to provide for the introduction of European works councils in multinational companies. The UK Government has used its Maastricht treaty social opt-out to avoid their imposition, though many large companies in Britain are still likely to be required to introduce them.

The study, of 62 companies in eight European countries, is from management consultants at Coopers & Lybrand. It shows that almost four-fifths of those that have already introduced works councils believe they do help communication with employees. Other benefits include improvements to morale and faster implementation of management decisions.

The survey suggests that companies with EWCs tend to consult trade unions less than those without them, and where unions are recognised they tend not to be consulted about such issues as profits and losses.

Tim Johnson, an employment law specialist at Coopers, said the openness shown in the study was unexpected, given that companies had so far established EWCs voluntarily. He says: "Although the UK has opted out of the Social Chapter, over 300 companies are likely to be affected by EWC practice."

☐ European social legislation could impose extra costs on firms and lead to job losses, the EEF engineering employers said yesterday. Peter Reid, EEF European affairs specialist, said the imposition of huge social costs was undermining companies.

He told Southampton Chamber of Commerce: "Social proposals which benefit employees are, in European legislation, being required to be funded by employers. That money has to come from somewhere."

UBS

Hector Sants is vice-chairman, head of equities at UBS Ltd, not head of derivatives as reported on February 10. Ramy Goldstein is managing director, head of equity derivatives. We apologise to both men for the mistake.

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☐ Scholey shows his style ☐ Fair exchange of landing slots is no robbery ☐ Foster's floating dilemma

The war wounds of Warburgs

☐ SG Warburg tried to pretend it was business as usual after its merger talks with Morgan Stanley collapsed. In fact, the untidy affair was a body blow to the bank and compounded the battering it has received in the bond markets. In a business as carnivorous as investment banking, it did not take long for Warburg's rivals to start circling its carcass, picking off its top earners.

If Lord Cairns had been more politically astute he would have known his career at Warburg was finished the moment that Morgan Stanley backed off. Rightly or not, he was seen both internally and externally as the principal exponent of the merger plan, a plan that many regarded as a means of delivering Warburg up to Morgan Stanley on the cheap. Instead he stayed to try to plug the gap in the bank's earnings, and his demise has been all the more bitter for the two months he has clung to power.

Just as inevitably, the task of revitalising Warburg has fallen to Sir David Scholey, the safest pair of hands in the City. As the creator of Warburgs in its present form during Big Bang, Sir David should know if anyone how to mend it.

The City still hopes a bidder will emerge to put the bank out of its misery. But the list of potential buyers is short and none has so far stepped forward. Undoubtedly the speed of Warburg's deterioration would have deterred bidders. The value of an investment bank rests in its goodwill and that can disappear fast when the goodwill is walking out of the door. Deutsche Bank only declared its interest in Morgan Grenfell after John Craven had turned the bank around and demonstrated the strength of its franchise.

Sir David has already demonstrated his management acumen in the group's statement yesterday. To begin with he has drafted in a new generation of Warburg men to run the bank. Until recently Colin Buchan and Edward Chandler, aged only 41, were two of the bank's rising stars. Yesterday they shot heavenwards as directors of the group and members of the new investment banking committee charged with pulling the bank out of the mire.

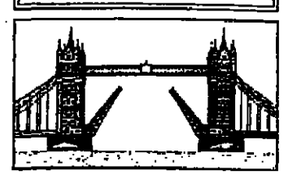
But Sir David has made it clear that the promotions will not end there. There are more board appointments to be made, so anyone who is being headhunted will think twice before quitting.

The investment banking committee will have to decide what Warburg's future is. Clearly its attempt to cast itself in Goldman Sachs's mould was flawed, since the bank does not have the capital resources or global franchise for that. Further cuts look inevitable, particularly of empire-building operations such as Tokyo. On the trading side, Warburg should concentrate on its core franchise in British and European equities. By cutting other losses, the underlying profitability of the advisory businesses should re-emerge. Reports of Warburg's death have been exaggerated. But its convalescence will not be an easy one.

Bureaucrats stack over Heathrow

☐ BRITAIN'S Civil Aviation Authority is the most pro-competitive in the European Union. But it operates in a stifling climate of bureaucratic dirigisme. That may explain its half-hearted proposals to the European Commission to aid competition at Europe's most congested airports, notably Heathrow.

PENNINGTON



On the positive side, the CAA argues that the black market trade in landing slots between airlines should be allowed officially. This would recognise that airlines have conditional "leases" on the slots they operate, an idea the Commission does not like. The CAA rightly argues that the trade should be transparent, so that prices, reputed to start at £1 million a time, would have to be disclosed. But it rejects an open auction on the paradoxical, but perhaps realistic ground that this would spawn more bureaucracy. Only if "exchanges" were made in a open market would outsiders believe that they were not fixes between the big players.

In any case, the CAA sees "exchanges" as a sideshow to the main event. That would consist of one set of bureaucrats operating a complex system of priorities set by other bureaucrats to allocate a pool of new and vacated slots to airlines wanting to compete with incumbents on busy intra-European routes.

Doffing its hat to Brussels, the CAA says it is "axiomatic that the EC, national governments and their competent authorities must determine these principles". Why? An open market both for available slots and those that existing airlines were prepared to trade would set market rents for congestion and allow market forces to set the priorities.

True, such a system would favour the strong, as markets do. But it would also increase the trade. In particular, it would encourage ailing flag carriers to treat their marginal slots as assets that could be sold to help finance restructuring, rather than hold on to them to stay big. By establishing cost differentials, it would also encourage airlines to use less congested airports, such as Stansted.

The objection, it seems, is that open auctions would favour incumbents protecting cosy duopolies. Competition authorities should take care of that. No more meddling is required.

Reluctantly Courageous

☐ THE great days when flamboyant Australian businessmen followed the example of their political leaders and said what they thought are sadly lost in the Dreamtime, so Nobby Clark's update on prospects for Courage was unavoidably bland.

But Foster's is now well and truly snookered in its bid to sell out, frustrated by a combination of bad luck, over-cautious potential buyers and ill-timed interference by the British regulatory authorities. The profits improvements in the interim figures are impressive but clearly unsustainable beyond March 1998, when the agreement to supply the 4,350-strong pub estate of Inntrepreneur, its joint venture with Grand Metropolitan, runs out.

The two well-publicised potential buyers, Whitbread and Scottish & Newcastle, must be delighted that they have so far delayed the deal's consummation. If it had been signed before the OFT's decision last week to go back and examine the tie, it would have looked a disaster; instead, whatever the outcome of the OFT inquiry, they should now be able to negotiate a lower purchase price if they go ahead.

Foster's is instead weighing up the prospects for a float for Courage in London. The group should appreciate that these look poor indeed. The company, with its one big but temporary contract, resembles poor Ushers of Trowbridge, the small regional forced to pull its float last year. Instead Foster's could be forced to fall back on its least attractive policy option, to do nothing, and Courage could remain in Australian hands for a while yet.

Curse of the bigwigs

☐ LORD King of British Airways became involved with Aerostructures Hamble which nosedived a few months after rising off the stock market runway. Now the former gas regulator, Sir James McKinnon, has repeated the story with the equally obscure Eurovein. Note for investors: view each new issue on its merits, and never mind which Big Name has been appointed to give it added lustre.

Misys shares drop after £212m deal to buy struggling ACT

BY ERIC REGULY

SHARES in Misys fell heavily yesterday after the business software maker agreed to pay a lofty £212 million for ACT Group, its struggling rival.

Misys shares closed at their low for the day, down 14 per cent, to 360p from 409p. David Greenall, a Smith New Court analyst, said Misys shareholders fled because of the "expense of the deal and some concern that they're buying a company that has not been performing well".

Misys's offer of 300p in cash and 2.2 new Misys ordinary shares for every 10 ACT shares values ACT at 120p per share, or 57 per cent more than the share price on Friday. The offer represents a multiple of 22 times projected earnings for the current financial year.

Mr Greenall said the price was all the more questionable because Kevin Lomax, Misys chairman, said Misys was not looking for a US acquisition because multiples were too high. "Clearly, now is not the time to expect great opportunities there," Mr Lomax said.

He defended the price, saying the combined group, with almost £300 million in turnover, making it one of the world's biggest software developers, would have a large and stable client base of 1,700 customers. Most are banks which, he said, tend to stick with their old suppliers. "It's very rare for a bank to chuck out a software system; it's like changing the engines on a 747 in mid-flight."

Misys also believes that it will be able to turn round ACT's British operations, which suffered from a significant jump last year in research and development costs and product-launch delays. The problems triggered two profit warnings, one in June, the other late last month.

Roger Foster, 54, ACT's founder and chairman, said January's dismal trading statement triggered the takeover talks. The two companies had held informal merger talks for almost two years.

Misys will close ACT's Midlands headquarters but expects few redundancies. Combined employment will total about 3,600.

All of the ACT directors, including Mr Foster, will leave the board. Mr Lomax said ACT's directors, who are on two- and three-year rolling contracts, will be paid off. He said the costs will be "substantial", but declined to give details. Mr Foster said he had no immediate plans to go back into business.

Mr Lomax said the new group will concentrate on selling banking software in high-growth areas such as China and India.

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ALAN WELLER

Misys directors Strone Macpherson, left, Kevin Lomax, centre, and Ross Graham

Pearson buys 10% of Hong Kong television group

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PEARSON, the media conglomerate that publishes the *Financial Times*, has acquired 10 per cent of Hong Kong's Television Broadcasts (TVB), one of Asia's leading television companies, for £108 million.

The purchase, which is subject to approval by the Hong Kong Broadcasting Authority, will create a powerful alliance representing a growing threat to international broadcasters, such as The News Corporation, parent company of *The Times*, and Ted Turner's Cable News Network.

Both Pearson and TVB, which produces 5,000 hours of television drama a year and owns a vast programme library, yesterday said the deal would help them to expand further into the region.

As a first step, the two groups said they were entering into a joint venture with the *Hindustan Times*, one of India's largest newspapers, to produce and syndicate TV programmes for the Indian market. The new venture will draw on the expertise of Thames Television, which is wholly owned by Pearson, and TVB, which has a vast studio complex in Hong Kong.

Greg Dyke, chief executive of Pearson Television, said the deal opened up valuable opportunities in some of the fastest growing television markets in the world.

He said: "The only way to expand in different television markets is to make programmes in the local language for the tastes of the people who live there. The experience of American television companies in Europe shows that there is no such thing as cultural imperialism when it comes to TV: it simply does not work."

Pearson has acquired its holding from Shaw Brothers and the Shaw Foundation at HK$31 (£2.57) per share. After the sale, Shaw Brothers, which said it would realise a HK$563.5 million profit from the sale, will have the biggest stake, with 24 per cent.

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Asda may import to beat NBA

ASDA, the supermarket group, is considering importing books from abroad in a bid to bypass the Net Book Agreement and cut prices on bestsellers (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Last week, the group cut up to 20 per cent from the prices of a dozen popular paperbacks but was forced to reverse the decision after legal action by leading publishers.

Yesterday, an Asda spokesman said: "We broke the NBA because we are very determined to get better-value books in our stores. It didn't work that time, but we are not going to let it end there."

Asda is looking at several options including importing bestselling books from markets such as the US and Australia which are not subject to price regulation.

Courage serves up a better half

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

COURAGE, Britain's second biggest brewer, lifted income paid to its Australian parent by 17 per cent in the second half of last year in spite of the tough conditions in the British beer market and the rise in the value of the Australian dollar.

Foster's Brewing Group, owners of Courage, highlighted the figures from its British operation with its own interim report for the six months to December 31. There was no indication of plans for Courage, which Foster's has indicated it wants to sell. Courage expanded profits before interest payments to A$118 million, or £56 million on the exchange rates used by Foster's. In pounds sterling, the rise was 24 per cent. In a falling beer market, Courage raised volumes by 2.4 per cent on a market share of 19 per cent.

On the future of its British brewing operations, Ted Kunkel, the chief executive of Foster's, said: "There are complexities which require very careful consideration and no decisions have yet been made."

Negotiations to sell Courage are thought to have stalled, however, even before last week's announcement from the Office of Fair Trading of a further inquiry into the ties between big brewers and their pub estates.

The 50 per cent-owned Inntrepreneur pub chain turned in a £10 million profit, against a £19 million loss last time.

Foster's saw an A$7 million reduction in after-tax profits in the first half to A$204 million, after a $47 million fall in one-off earnings to A$2 million. Operating profits were up by 26 per cent to A$225 million.

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Eurovein delivers warning

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

EUROVEIN, the specialised engineering company chaired by Sir James McKinnon, stunned the City with a profit warning yesterday, less than three months after its shares were floated.

The shares slumped to 86p, from 137p, compared with November's offer price of 141p, as dealers swiftly responded to the company's statement that large prospective orders were taking longer than expected to convert into firm orders.

Albert E Sharp, the stockbroker that sponsored the share offer, quickly lowered profit forecasts to £1.5 million before tax from a previously expected £2.4 million for the current year and from £3.6 million to £2.85 million for the following 12 months. The flotation raised £13.5 million and capitalised the company at £23.2 million. By close of business yesterday, the value was reduced to £14.15 million.



McKinnon: consulted

Bill Eastwood, chief executive, said: "It is not a matter of orders being lost; they have been postponed." The underlying business was sound, he added. The orders, principally from Eastern Europe and the Far East, could be expected to materialise at a later date.

At the time of the flotation, the company said that sales and order intake for the lower margin equipment business were running lower than in the previous year and it was this part of the business that continued to be affected.

However, sales and orders for spare parts and consumable products were satisfactory and in line with budget. As a result, dividend policy was not likely to be altered after the profit warning.

Sir James was fully consulted about the statement, a spokesman said.

Lloyds Bank Interest Rates for Business Customers

BUSINESS OVERDRAFTS

Band	Monthly Rate	Eqv. Annual Rate
A†	0.98%	11.76%
B	0.90%	10.80%
C	0.81%	9.72%
Unauthorised	2.00%	24.00%

BUSINESS LOANS

Band	Monthly Rate	Eqv. Annual Rate
Standard**	1.02%	12.24%
Preferential**	0.85%	10.20%
Small Business Loan Standard	1.12%	13.44% (APR 14.2%)*
Small Business Loan***	1.02%	12.24% (APR 12.9%)*

BUSINESS MORTGAGES

Band	Monthly Rate	Eqv. Annual Rate
A	1.02%	12.24%
B and C	0.85%	10.20%

BUSINESS SAVINGS

PREMIER INTEREST ACCOUNT††	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %
£250,000+	5.60	5.75
£100,000+	5.40	5.54
£ 25,000+	4.90	5.01
£ 10,000+	4.60	4.70

BUSINESS CALL ACCOUNT	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %
£250,000+	4.20	4.28
£ 50,000+	3.95	4.02
£ 10,000+	3.70	3.76
£ 1,000+	3.40	3.45
Below £1,000	3.00	3.04

CLIENTS CALL ACCOUNT	HALF YEARLY OPTION		MONTHLY OPTION	
	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %
£1,000,000+	4.85	4.91	4.80	4.91
£ 100,000+	4.65	4.70	4.61	4.71
£ 10,000+	4.15	4.19	4.11	4.19
£ 2,500+	3.60	3.63	3.57	3.63
Below £2,500	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT	HALF YEARLY OPTION		MONTHLY OPTION	
	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %	GROSS RATE %	GROSS CAR %
£1+	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25

†Standard and A Bands have been merged.

*The APR does not take into account any additional charges (eg arrangement fees/securities charges/monthly fees) which may be applicable.

**Also applies to Farm Business Loans. ***Also applies to Farm Small Business Loans.

Interest rates may vary from time to time. This notice lists current rates.
GROSS RATE – the annual interest rate.
GROSS CAR – compounded annual rate when full monthly or half-yearly interest remains invested. Business Call Account and Premier Interest Account assume interest paid monthly.
††No interest is paid on balances below £10,000.

These rates of interest will apply with effect from 14 February 1995

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Shares dive through 3,100 as investors take cover

SHARE prices plunged back through 3,100 as the spectre of yet further interest rate rises returned to haunt investors after a setback on the inflation front.

Traders had been bracing themselves for another increase in factory gate prices during January, but the subsequent leap of almost 1 per cent was far worse than they expected. As a result, investors ran for cover in fear of another rise in base rates.

By the close of business yesterday sentiment, which had showed signs of improving during the past few days, had been severely dented. The FT-SE 100 index was left nursing a fall of 28.8 points at 3,081.1, wiping out much of last week's 50-point rise.

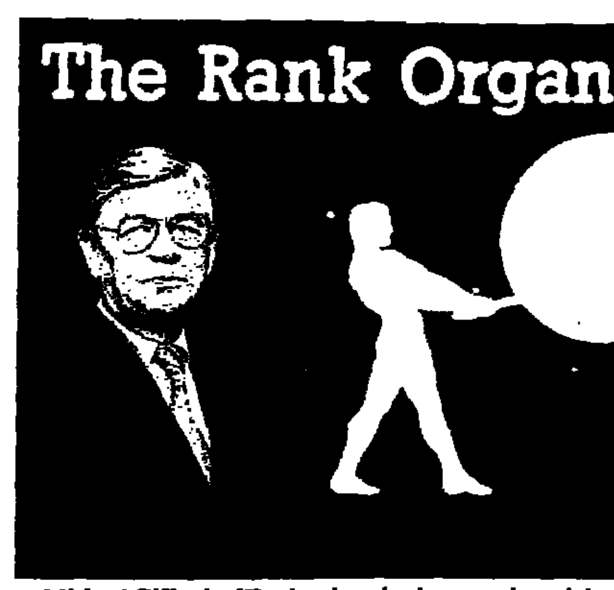
However, much of yesterday's setback proved to be cosmetic. By the close of business, just 519 million shares had been traded. This included some heavy turnover in new issue **Bath Press**, accounting for more than 90 million shares. Bath Press came to market via a reverse takeover of Diverse Acquisitions.

Placed at 10p, the shares opened at 13p and ended the day at 13¼p as 7.3 million were traded. The group has also raised extra funds by way of a rights issue. There was big demand for the nil-paid which began at 3p before ending at 3¼p with almost 84 million shares traded.

A two-way pull has developed in shares of SG Warburg, with the price dropping 20p to 706p. The resignation of Lord Cairns, the chief executive, came as a shock to the City, and highlights the problems behind the scenes culminating in the recent departure of some of its best talent.

The trouble arose after the breakdown in merger talks with Morgan Stanley. The speculators now seem divided. Some say the group remains vulnerable to an unwanted takeover. Others are convinced the loss of so much talent makes it less attractive. They point out that the reason Morgan Stanley wanted to bid was to get its hands on Mercury Asset Management, the group's separately quoted fund management arm.

Saatchi & Saatchi dipped 5p to 107p after falling at the first hurdle in its attempt to prevent former chairman Maurice Saatchi from forming his own company and poaching several top executives. The High Court described the merits of the company's application as questionable. Saatchi & Saatchi were ordered to pay costs.



Michael Gifford, of Rank, where brokers met last night

Last week's bid speculation in **United Biscuits** boiled over, with the price relapsing 19p to 346p. Friday saw heavy options activity, with dealers talking of a bid from either Philip Morris in the US, or Nestlé in Switzerland. Speculators are continuing to keep a close eye on the shares.

Rank Organisation fell 4p to 392p, despite a positive trading update showing sales 10 per cent better and operating profits 50 per cent higher during the first few months of the current year. Michael Gifford, the chief executive, expects Rank to make a profit of £325 million on the sale of part of its holding in Rank Xerox to Xerox Corporation. The company was meeting brokers in the City last night.

There has been more fallout from **Kingfisher's** decision to rationalise the business after last month's profits warning. In an attempt to reduce costs, it is cutting the size of its corporate headquarters, with 40 employees out of the 100-strong staff either losing their jobs or being redeployed. Directors Nigel Whittaker and Tim Breene are also to go. The shares responded with a fall of 4p to 425p.

ACT Group, the computer software supplier, jumped 31½p to 108p after agreeing a £212 million bid from rival Misys. The terms are 300p in cash and 2.2 Misys shares for every ten ACT, valuing the group at 120p a share. ACT had been looking vulnerable to a bid after issuing its second profits warning in seven months. **Misys**, which will see its share capital leap by 45 per cent, tumbled 49p to 360p.

Automated Security Holdings slumped 14p to 60p, after reports that the group was in crisis talks with its bankers about refinancing in an attempt to strengthen its balance sheet. The group tried to reassure the market, saying that the talks with its bankers were at an advanced stage. Its multi-option facility is due to expire in May and more information will be provided when the full-year figures to the end of November are published.

Metrotect Industries tumbled 18p to 41p on the back of a profits warning that was accompanied by the resignation of Brian Thomas, the chairman. The group says that profits in the second half — traditionally the strongest period — are likely to be no better than those achieved during the first six months. The group blamed the setback on delays to a number of projects.

John Phillips takes over the role of non-executive chairman. He was previously chief executive of Ingham and managing director of Vernons Pools.

□ GILT-EDGED: Gilts saw Friday's losses extended as investors continued to reflect on the Bank of England's decision to pitch the next auction at the ten-year level. It had been expected that the Bank would tap the short end of the market.

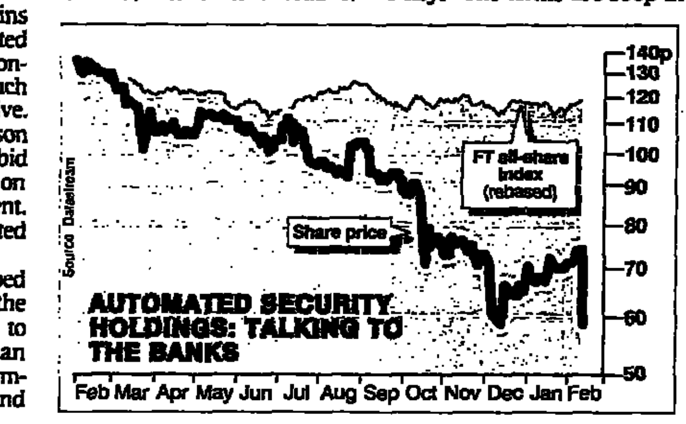
Brokers reported losses across the board, with the short end also closing lower on the day. The falls accelerated after publication of the latest inflation statistics.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt dropped £13/16 to £100 15/16 as 72,000 contracts were completed.

Among conventional issues Treasury 8 per cent 2013 lost £27/32 at £94⅝, while at the shorter end of the market, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £21/32 off at £97 3/32.

□ NEW YORK: US shares were little moved at midday as Wall Street battled against stiff technical resistance and anticipation of a heavy week of economic data. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 4.38 at 3,943.45.

There was further heavy turnover in SelecTV shares, which firmed a further 1p to 28p, with 2.26 million traded. Brokers say it can only be a matter of time before MAI, which emerged with 4 per cent of the shares recently, launches a bid. SelecTV owns 14 per cent of Meridian Television. MAI holds a controlling 60 per cent.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3943.45 (+4.38)
S&P Composite	481.59 (+0.13)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18313.86 (+22.51)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7974.82 (-38.00)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	414.75 (-0.89)
Sydney:	
AO	1846.3 (+0.3)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2116.95 (-13.20)
Singapore:	
Straits	2093.12 (+19.07)
Brussels:	
General	7104.07 (+0.92)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1850.31 (-19.09)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	633.00 (-0.20)
London:	
FT 30	2344.4 (-20.4)
FT 100	3081.1 (-28.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3445.3 (-8.8)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1342.94 (-5.36)
FT A All-Share	1519.85 (-11.00)
FT Non Financials	1645.97 (-12.02)
FT Gold Mines	202.6 (-1.1)
FT Fixed Interest	110.14 (-0.31)
FT Govt Secs	90.71 (-0.52)
Bargains	22282
SEAQ Volume	519.1m
USM (Datastrm)	148.23 (-0.15)
US$	1.5638 (+0.0031)
German Mark	2.3743 (-0.0042)
Exchange Index	78.8 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2526
£:SDR	1.0612
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Bath Press (10)	13¼	...
Lazard Birla Ida	54¼	+ ¼
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	32	...
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	81	...
Pentex Oil	90	...
Wessex Trust	11	...
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BTP n/p (225)	23	-1
Bath Press n/p (10)	3¼	...
Cadbury Schws Cv Ln n/p 71		-3
Verity n/p (7½)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Brandon Hire	121p (+8p)
Gestetner	119p (+7p)
Tadpole Tech	257p (+7p)
Stanley Leisure	364p (+6p)
MAID	81p (+8p)
Celltech	269p (+5p)
Britton Group	132p (+8p)
High-Point	43p (+12p)
Body Shop	165p (+6p)
Flying Flowers	101p (+5p)
Wensum	140p (+8p)
Bnt Data Mgmt	196p (+8p)
FALLS:	
SG Warburg	706p (-20p)
Caradon	246p (-9p)
ICI	734p (-14p)
Metrotect	41p (-18p)
Auto Sec	62p (-12p)
Tibbet & Britten	613p (-40p)
Siebe	533p (-7p)
Carlton Comm	883p (-12p)
More O'Ferrall	357p (-6p)
Scot TV	428p (-10p)
Govett	286p (-22p)
Rathbone Bros	273p (-7p)
Glaxo	641p (-11p)
Wellcome	1014p (-11p)
Zeneca	892p (-6p)
J Cropper	274p (-5p)

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TEMPUS

Television takeaway

SINCE Pearson decided to shed its oil services and fine china divisions and concentrate on its media interests, the deals have come thick and fast. Little wonder the group retained Lazards, since it needs an in-house merchant bank just to cope with the deal flow. In the past year, the group has launched itself into software publishing and consumer magazines, and is stock-piling television interests as if they were going out of fashion.

The acquisition of a 10 per cent stake in TVB, Hong Kong's leading television station, is the latest in this hyperactive spree. Once again, Pearson has been prepared to dilute its earnings towards the cause of building an international media group. But the deal was enough to give the City some misgivings since the group is beginning to resemble a media investment trust rather than a company, with a port-manteau of small stakes in interesting-looking television companies.

Granted, TVB is operating in part of the world where television revenues are growing explosively. But the £108 million price tag does not look cheap on a p/e ratio of 25, particularly since there is no premium for control. As an independent producer, Pearson is being forced by British law to rely on minority stakes to further its interests. But the tangible benefits of such empire-building to the bottom line will remain doubtful until proven otherwise.

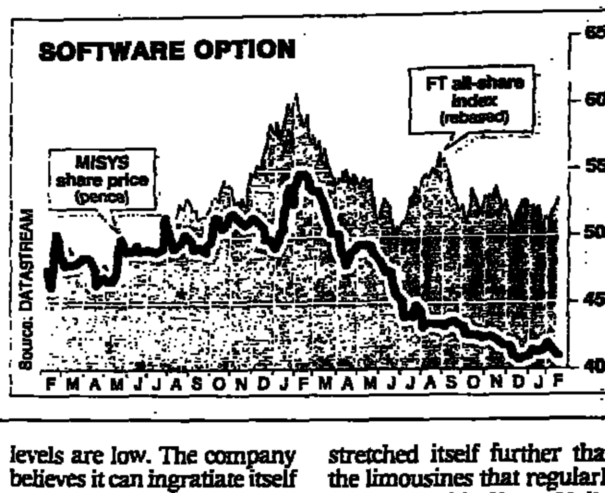
The downside on the TVB stake should be limited since the company is quoted and Pearson is not paying the market price for the shares. The market has its doubts whether Pearson's management can handle the pace of such international expansion, even with new boys such as Greg Dyke aboard.

Misys

THE initial reaction to the £212 million purchase by Misys of the ailing ACT was uniformly hostile, and little wonder. The situation is fairly common. A company falls into difficulties: the potential bidder has been circling for a while and takes the opportunity for a well-timed lunge. Exit almost all of the target's board, even if they have recommended the offer.

What the bidder does not usually do is pay 22 times its target's current-year earnings or a 50 per cent-plus premium to the market price. ACT has released two profit warnings in three months because of problems in the UK side of the business: analysts expect it to lose £2 million in a company that will make £15 million to £17 million this financial year. Once Misys takes control, the UK side will not be closed; cost savings will be limited to a few jobs at head office.

At the heart of the deal is a purchase by Misys that will give the group half of the world banking software market, which is expanding fast as developing countries come on line, with no dilution of earnings in the next financial year. The company apparently believes that the addition of ACT's 1,000-strong client base to the existing 700 customers of its treasury management systems will provide sufficient repeat business and cross-selling to justify the price. Some market scepticism remains over the extent of the overlap between these two client bases, however.



NHL

NATIONAL Home Loans' battle with its preference shareholders was always going to be a close-run affair since the rebels declared a 14 per cent interest on day one. In the event, the company called on the loyalty of the British institutions to back the refinancing and they have voted down the largely American arbitrageurs who were rocking the boat.

Yesterday's vote should bring to a close four years of crisis management at NHL. It survived the recession because it was clear that it was worth far more as a going concern than as a tangled heap on a receiver's desk. From today, the group is on its own and must prove that it will make a success of the second chance it has been given.

NHL has begun lending once more but the combination of a sluggish housing market and the market's memories of days gone by have ensured that business levels are low. The company believes it can ingratiate itself among the intermediaries by offering the most efficient service. But with rates rising again and house prices stagnant it will be a slow haul.

That will mean the group's lending book will continue to dwindle, perhaps as late as 1998. Profits will only be sustained by the high margins the group is charging on its existing mortgage book. The group's next target must be to return to positive asset growth or the entire rescue will have been in vain.

A share price of 11p reflects the risks, valuing the company on a p/e ratio in the mid-teens, and carrying little recovery value. It includes no bid premium, even though it is highly possible that NHL will attract a bidder before its recovery is complete.

Burford

WHEN Burford bought the Trocadero last September the City fretted that it had stretched itself further than the limousines that regularly pull up outside Planet Hollywood. The Trocadero has been the ruin of so many corporate ambitions that it seems to be jinxed.

To Burford's credit it has done what none of the previous owners managed: to find a use for the cavernous space at the top of the centre. This space is key to the success of Burford's venture. The rest of the rents cover the cost of the group's investment in the centre, so any return from Segaworld is pure profit.

Admittedly, the venture is not cheap and Burford will have to work hard to find the £22.5 million it needs to refit the Trocadero's tired public spaces, even though it will capitalise the cost. But, provided the group can secure planning permission, it has at last established a future for a prime London site that until now has always promised more than it has delivered.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1020-1019	May	1059-1053
May	1014-1013	Jul	1068-1064
Jul	1024-1022	Sep	1076-1075
Sep	1032-1031	Dec	1090-1089
Dec	1039-1037		
Mar	1050-1047		Volume: 8903

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2860-2857	Nov	2715-2712
May	2783-2782	Jan	2720-2700
Jul	2741-2740	Mar	2720-2700
Sep	2724-2720		Volume: 3118

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	348.0-47.0
Spot: unq		Dec	343.5-42.0
Mar	400.4-98.5	Mar	340.3-38.1
May	393.4-93.0	May	339.7-36.2
Aug	375.5-75.1		Volume: 2111

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 10

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.82	119.42	120.15
(+/-)	-4.72	-2.19	+0.70
Eng/Wales:	82.82	118.61	120.33
(+/-)	-4.72	-3.00	+0.92
(%)	+8.0	-18.0	+2.0
Scotland:	unq	122.15	118.72
(+/-)		+0.50	-1.02
(%)		-6.0	-15.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.85	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Mar)	17.10	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.60	-0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	18.20	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.10	-0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 169 (+1)	O: 170 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	146 (-2)	147 (-2)
Non EEC IH Mar	147 (-2)	148 (-2)
Non EEC IH Apr	148 (-1)	149 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (n/c)	105 (n/c)
Naphtha	167 (n/c)	169 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Mar	144.00-44.25	Jun	145.50-45.75
Apr	145.25-45.50	Jul	147.25-47.50
May	145.25-45.50		Vol: 7736

BRENT (6.00pm)

Mar	17.39-17.40	Jun	16.38-16.41
Apr	16.60-16.62	Jul	16.30-16.35
May	16.45-16.46		Vol: 29750

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	108.75	Mar	103.00
May	109.90	May	103.00
Jul	111.30	Sep	97.00
Sep	98.65	Nov	99.25
Nov	99.40	Jan	100.50
Volume: 263		Volume: 34	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Apr	277.50	268.90
May	unq	292.50
Jun		unq
		Volume: 178

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Mar 118.25-118.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	2030	2025	2030
Mar 95	2020	2020	2022
Apr 95	2040	2010	2015
Jul 95	1775	1765	1770
Vol: 82 lots		Open Interest: 3700	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2912.0-2913.0	2866.0-2867.0	1730700
Lead ($/tonne)	568.00-569.00	587.00-588.00	348450
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1007.5-1008.5	1033.0-1034.0	583850
Tin ($/tonne)	5455.0-5465.0	5555.0-5560.0	38375
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1888.0-1890.0	1926.5-1927.0	1688425
Nickel ($/tonne)	8330.0-8335.0	8490.0-8500.0	139758

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3114.0	3120.0	3078.0	3082.0	14068
Previous open interest: 68010	Jun 95	3105.5	3105.5	3093.5	3091.5	1301
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3450.0	3450.0	3436.0	3440.0	53
Previous open interest: 4018	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.96	92.96	92.92	92.92	16302
Previous open interest: 449325	Jun 95	92.26	92.26	92.13	92.14	39338
	Sep 95	91.78	91.78	91.62	91.65	13631
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				93.54	0
Previous open interest: 2437	Jun 95				92.89	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.83	94.85	94.82	94.82	11871
Previous open interest: 779964	Jun 95	94.48	94.49	94.42	94.43	31244
Long Gilt	Mar 95	101-25	101-25	100-27	100-30	73103
Previous open interest: 101832	Jun 95	101-18	101-24	101-02	101-02	546
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.69	108.81	108.66	108.78	2074
	Jun 95	107.99	108.10	107.99	108.08	1051
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	90.66	90.70	90.20	90.27	126522
Previous open interest: 231302	Jun 95	90.01	90.06	89.60	89.65	2523
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.78	93.78	93.70	93.71	925
Previous open interest: 23665	Jun 95	93.28	93.28	93.21	93.22	1335
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.91	95.91	95.88	95.88	1881
Previous open interest: 45121	Jun 95	95.58	95.58	95.53	95.53	3037
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	100.40	100.45	99.66	99.71	43732
Previous open interest: 56545	Jun 95	99.31	99.31	98.69	98.66	139

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¾ Low 4½ Week fixed: 6½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth 6½ . Sell: 2 mth 6½ ; 3 mth: 6½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6⅝-6½	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅜-6⅜	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛	7⅝-7⅝
Interbank:	6⅜-6¼	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛	7⅝-7⅝

Overnight: open 6¾, close 6 .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6⅜	n/a	6⅝	7	7¾
Sterling CDs:	6⅜-6⅜	6⅝-6½	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7	7⅝-7⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.02	n/a	6.20	6.50	7.11
Building Society CDs:	6⅜-6⅜	6⅝-6⅝	6¾-6⅝	7⅛-7⅛	7⅝-7⅝

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROCURRENCY MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6-5½	6⅛-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	6⅝-6⅜	5¾-4¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞	5⅛-5	5⅛-4¾
French Franc:	5⅝-5⅜	5⅝-5⅜	5⅞-5⅝	6-5⅞	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	3⅝-3⅜	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-3⅝
Yen:	2⅜-2	2⅜-2⅛	2⅝-2⅛	2⅝-2⅛	2⅛-1⅛

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Bank of Nova Scotia)

Bullion: Open $376.10-376.50 Close: $374.00-374.50 High: $376.10-376.50
Low: $373.80-374.30 AM: $375.60 PM: $374.50

Krugerrand: $375.00-377.00 (£240.50-242.50)

Platinum: $413.00 (£263.90) Silver: $4.71 (£3.005) Palladium: $157.00 (£100.30)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 13	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6593-2.6660	2.6626-2.6660	⅜-⅛pr	1⅜-1⅛pr
Brussels	48.80-48.97	48.80-48.96	8-4pr	20-14pr
Copenhagen	9.3420-9.3730	9.3580-9.3730	⅜-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Dublin	1.0043-1.0082	1.0055-1.0082	9-6pr	17-13pr
Frankfurt	2.3726-2.3780	2.3748-2.3780	⅜-⅛pr	1⅜pr
Lisbon	244.67-245.44	244.81-245.44	41-48ds	170-176ds
Madrid	204.78-205.16	204.86-205.16	25-33ds	96-109ds
Milan	2519.50-2525.90	2519.80-2523.10	3-4ds	11-14ds
Montreal	2.1910-2.1968	2.1910-2.1941	0.18-0.26ds	0.43-0.56ds
New York	1.5628-1.5648	1.5628-1.5638	0.08-0.05pr	0.19-0.17pr
Oslo	10.3920-10.4210	10.4060-10.4210	1⅛-⅛pr	3⅛-2⅛pr
Paris	8.2130-8.2460	8.2320-8.2460	⅛-⅛pr	⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.5730-11.6090	11.5850-11.6090	⅛-1⅛ds	3-4⅛ds
Tokyo	154.04-154.51	154.04-154.31	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	16.69-16.74	16.70-16.74	2⅛-1⅛pr	7⅛-6⅛pr
Zurich	2.0005-2.0073	2.0044-2.0073	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3413-1.3422
Austria	10.69-10.70
Belgium (Com)	31.27-31.29
Canada	1.4024-1.4029
Denmark	5.9840-5.9870
France	5.2615-5.2625
Germany	1.5188-1.5192
Hong Kong	7.7298-7.7308
Ireland	1.5538-1.5553
Italy	1614.00-1614.50
Japan	98.67-98.76
Malaysia	2.5485-2.5495
Netherlands	1.7025-1.7030
Norway	6.6530-6.6550
Portugal	156.74-156.84
Singapore	1.4517-1.4527
Spain	131.10-131.20
Sweden	7.4088-7.4188
Switzerland	1.2812-1.2815

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5623-1.5649
Australia dollar	2.0956-2.0980
Bahrain dinar	0.583-0.593
Brazil real*	1.3013-1.3054
Cyprus pound	0.726-0.727
Finland markka	7.235-7.351
Greece drachma	368.00-375.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.0778-12.0871
India rupee	48.54-49.50
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.9816-3.9857
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4630-2.4666
Pakistan rupee	47.70 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7975-5.9235
Singapore dollar	2.2669-2.2699
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1425-6.1778
S Africa rand (com)	5.5361-5.5421
U A E dirham	5.6775-5.8015

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	127	Legal & Gn	1,600
ASDA Gp	6,000	Lloyds Bk	5,300
Abbey Natl	3,500	MEPC	1,400
Alld Dom	1,900	Marks Spr	3,900
Argyll Gp	2,500	NatWst Bk	7,200
Arjo Wiggn	632	Nat Power	3,100
AB Foods	327	Nth Wst W	417
BAA	2,100	P & O	1,000
BAT Inds	3,100	Pearson	1,500
BOC	696	PowerGen	776
BP	7,100	Prudential	2,300
BTR	3,500	RMC	305
BT	4,900	RTZ	1,300
Bk of Scot	1,300	Bank Org	1,000
Barclays	6,100	Reckitt Col	652
Bass	1,800	Redland	709
Blue Circle	881	Reed Intl	1,700
Boots	1,900	Rentokil	4,000
Bowater	515	Reuters	3,600
Brit Aero	361	Rolls Royce	2,700
Brit Airwys	3,200	Ryl Ins	1,400
Brit Gas	2,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,700
Brit Steel	34,000	Sainsbury	2,200
Burmah Cstl	406	Schroders	36
Cable Wire	7,700	Scot & New	743
Cadbury	2,000	Scot Power	932
Caradon	1,600	Sears	3,800
Carlton Cms	742	Svrn Trent	267
Cml Union	1,500	Shell Trans	2,100
Courtaulds	192	Siebe	986
De La Rue	1,200	SmKl Bch	2,100
Eastern Elec	399	Smith Nph	2,600
Enterpr Oil	178	Southern Elec	726
Forte	983	Std Chartd	596
GKN	749	Sun Allnce	1,600
GRE	2,400	TI Gp	185
GUS	564	TSB	3,300
Gen Acc	1,100	Tesco	5,200
Gen Elec	1,300	Thames W	563
Glaxo	2,400	Thrn EMI	524
Granada	1,700	Tomkins	2,300
Grand Met	2,100	Unilever	870
Guinness	1,200	Utd Bisc	5,800
HSBC	1,700	Vodafone	8,300
Hanson	7,100	Warburg	3,600
ICI	2,300	Wellcome	2,000
Inchcape	2,500	Whitbread	1,400
Kingfisher	1,500	Wilms Hld	405
Ladbroke	3,200	Wolseley	717
Land Secs	1,100	Zeneca	930

WALL STREET

	Feb 13 midday	Feb 10 close
AMP Inc	73	73¾
AMR Corp	60¾	60¾
AT & T	52¾	52¾
Abbott Labs	34¾	34¾
Advanced Micro	31¼	31½
Aetna Life	53	53¾
Ahmanson (HF)	18¼	18
Air Prod & Chem	47	46¾
Alberton's	31	30¾
Alcan Aluminum	25	25
Alco Standard	64¼	64¾
Allied Signal	38	36¾
Alum Co of Am	80¾	80¾
Amax Gold Inc	4¾	4¾
Amerada Hess	48	47¾
Amer Brands	37¾	37¾
Amer El Power	33¾	33½
Amer Express	31¼	31¼
Amer Genl Corp	30	30
Amer Home Pr	69¾	69¾
Amer Intl	103¾	104
Amer Stores	24¾	24¾
Ameritech	42¾	43¼
Amoco	58¾	58¾
Anheuser-Busch	53¾	54¾
Apple Computer	43¼	43¾
Archer Daniels	20	19¾
Armco	6¾	6¾
Armstrng Wrld	47¼	46¾
Asarco	27¾	27¼
Ashland Oil	32¾	32¾
Atl Richfield	105¾	106¾
Auto Data Pro	61¼	61¾
Avery Dennison	39	38¾
Avon Products	58¾	58¾
Baker Hughes	17¾	17¾
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24½
Banc One	28¾	28¾
BankAmerica	47¼	46¾
Bank of NY	32¾	32¾
Bankers Tr NY	61½	62¾
Barnett Banks	43¾	43¾
Bausch & Lomb	33¾	33¾
Baxter Intl	29¾	29
Becton Dicknsn	51½	51½
Bell Atlantic	53½	53¾
BellSouth	59¾	59½
Black & Decker	25¾	25¾
Block (H&R)	36¾	36¾
Boeing	46¾	46¾
Boise Cascade	27¾	27¾
Borden Inc	13	13
Bristol Myrs Sq	61½	61¼
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	19½	19
Burlington Nthn	53¾	53
CBS	63¾	63¾
CNA Financial	70¾	69¾
CPC Intl	54¾	55
CSX	73¾	73¾
Campbell Soup	45	44¾
Can Pacific	14¾	14¾
Cptl Cities ABC	87¾	87
Carolina Pwr	27¾	28
Caterpillar	52¾	53¾
Central & SW	23¾	24
Champion Intl	41	41
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¾
Chemical Bk	39¾	39¾
Chevron Corp	45¾	45¾
Chrysler	47	46¾
Chubb Corp	78¾	79¾
Cigna Corp	71½	70¾
Citicorp	42¾	42¾
Clorox	58¾	58¾
Coastal Corp	28¾	28¾
Coca Cola	52¾	53¼
Colgate-Palmolive	62¾	62¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	26¾
Compaq Comp	36¾	37¾
Comp Ass Intl	55¾	54¾
Conagra	33¾	32¾
Conrail	54¾	53½
Cons Edison	27¾	27¾
Cons Nat Gas	36	36¾
Cooper Inds	39¾	39¾
Corning Inc	32¾	32¾
Crown Cork	41	40¾
Dana Corp	23¾	23
Dayton Hudson	73½	74
Deere	75¾	75¾
Delta Air Lines	57¾	56¾
Deluxe Corp	26¾	27
Detroit Edison	28¾	28¾
Digital Equip	36½	36
Dillard Dept St	27¾	27¾
Disney (Walt)	52¾	52¾
Dominion Res	37¾	38
Donelley (RR)	32¾	32¾
Dover Corp	59¾	59¾
Dow Chemical	64½	64¾
Dow Jones	34½	34½
Dresser	20¾	20¾
Duke Power	38¾	39¾
Dun & Brdstreet	50½	51
Du Pont	54¾	54¾
Eastman Kodak	50¾	50¾
Eaton Corp	47	46¾
Emerson Elec	65¾	65¾
Engelhard Corp	26¾	26¾

	Feb 13 midday	Feb 10 close
Enron Corp	31¼	31¼
Entergy	22½	22½
Ethyl Corp	10¾	10¾
Exxon	62¾	61¼
FMC Corp	58¾	58¾
FPL Group	36½	36½
Federal Express	63¾	62
Fed Nat Mtge	75¾	76¾
First Chicago	49¾	49¾
First Interstate	79¾	79¾
First Union Rlty	8	7¾
Fleet Finl Grp	33	33¾
Fluor Corp	47¾	47¾
Ford Motor	25¾	25¾
GTE Corp	33¼	33½
Gannett	52¾	52
Gap Inc Del	33¾	34¾
Gen Dynamics	45	44½
Gen Electric	52½	52
Gen Mills	60	59¾
Gen Motors	40¾	39¾
Gen Reinsurance	127	128¾
Gen Signal	35½	35
Genuine Parts	38¾	38¾
Georgia Pac	73¾	74¾
Gillette	77¾	77¾
Glaxo ADR	20¾	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	44	44¾
Goodyear Tire	36½	36½
Grace (W&R)	43¼	43¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	19¾	19
Great Wstn Fin	18¾	18¾
Halliburton	35	35
Harcourt General	34½	34½
Heinz (HJ)	40¾	40¾
Hercules	43½	43¾
Hershey Foods	50¾	50¾
Hewlett Packard	105	104¾
Hilton Hotels	69¾	69¾
Home Depot	48¾	49
Homestake Mng	15	15¾
Honeywell	36¾	35½
Household Intl	40¾	40¾
Houston Inds	38¾	39
Humana	24¾	24½
ITT Corp	95¾	95
Illinois Tool	43¾	43½
Illinova	23	23
INCO	27	26¾
Ingersoll Rand	31¼	31¼
Inland Steel	30	30¾
Intel Corp	77¾	77¾
IBM	75	75¾
Intl Flav & Fr	48¾	48¾
Intl Paper	74¾	74¾
James River Va	23¾	23¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	56½	57¾
Kellogg	55¾	55¾
Kerr-McGee	48¾	48
Kimberly-Clark	50¾	50¾
Kmart	14½	14½
Knight-Ridder	51½	51
Lilly (Eli)	64¾	64¾
Limited Inc	17	16¾
Lin Brdcstng	138¾	138¾
Lincoln Nat	38¾	39¾
Litton	36¾	36¾
Liz Claiborne	16¾	16¾
Lockheed	75¾	76¾
Louisiana Pac	28¾	28¾
MCI Comm	20¾	20¾
Marriott Int	30¾	30¾
Marsh & McLen	81½	81½
Masco Corp	25¾	24¾
May Dept St	36¾	35¾
Maytag Corp	16½	16¾
McDonalds	33¾	33¾
McDonnell D	54	54¾
McGraw Hill	69¾	68¾
Mead Corp	53½	53¾
Medtronic	58¾	57¾
Mellon Bk	36¾	36¾
Melville Corp	33¾	32¾
Merck Inc	40¾	40¾
Merrill Lynch	39	39¾
Minnesota Mine	52¾	52¾
Mobil Corp	86¾	86¾
Monsanto	75¾	75¾
Morgan (JP)	63	63¾
Motorola Inc	62¾	62¾
Natl Medical	15¾	15¾
Natl Semi	18	18¾
Natl Service Ind	26¼	26¾
Navistar Int	16¾	15¾
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31¾
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	34	34¾
Niag Mohawk	14¾	14¾
Nike B	70¾	70¾
NL Industries	11½	11¾
Noram Energy	5¾	6
Nordstrom	44	43¾
Norfolk Sthrn	62¾	62¾
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45¾
Norwest Corp	24¾	24¾
Nynex Corp	38¾	38¾
Occidental Pet	19¾	19
Ohio Edison	20¾	21¾
Oracle Systems	45	44¾
Oryx Energy Co	11½	11¾

	Feb 13 midday	Feb 10 close
Owens Corning	33¾	33¾
PPG Industries	37¾	37¾
PNC Bank	24¾	24¾
Paccar Inc	42¾	42½
Pacificorp	18¾	18¾
Pac Enterprises	23¾	23¾
Pac Gas & Elec	25¾	25¾
Pac Telesis	30¾	31
Pall Corp	19¾	19¾
Panhandle East	22¾	22¾
Parker Hannifin	47¾	47¾
Peco Energy	26¾	26½
Penney (JC)	43¼	43¾
Pennzoil	45¾	45¾
Pepsico	37½	37¾
Pfizer	81½	81½
Phelps Dodge	56¾	55¾
Philip Morris	61½	61½
Phillips Pet	32¾	32¾
Pitney Bowes	33½	33¾
Polaroid	29¾	29¾
PriceCostco	13¾	14
Procter & Gmbl	65¾	65¾
Providian	34¾	34¾
Pub Serv E & G	28¾	28¾
Quaker Oats	35	34½
Ralston Purina	46¾	46¾
Raychem Corp	38¼	38¾
Raytheon	68¾	69
Reebok Intl	35¾	35½
Reynolds Metals	50¾	51¼
Roadway Srvcs	49¾	49¾
Rockwell Intl	38¾	38
Rohm & Haas	55¾	55¾
Royal Dutch	113¼	113¾
Rubbermaid	32	31½
Safeco Corp	53¾	53¾
St Paul's Cos	47¾	47¾
Salomon Inc	36½	37
Santa Fe Pac	20	9¾
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	26½
Scecorp	16½	16¾
Schering Plough	78¾	78¾
Schlumberger	55	54¾
Scott Paper	75¾	75¾
Seagram	30¾	30¾
Sears Roebuck	47¾	47
Shell Trans	68	67¾
Sherwin Wilms	33¾	33¾
Skyline Corp	17¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	33¾	33¾
Southern Co	20¾	21
Sthwestern Bell	43	43¾
Sprint Corp	30¾	30¾
Stanley Works	40¾	40¾
Sun Company	29¾	28¾
Sun Microsys	33	32¾
Suntrust	53¾	54¾
Supervalu	23¾	23¾
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	64	64¾
TCC Inds	2¾	2¾
Tandem Comp	17¾	17¾
Tandy Corp	45¾	46¾
Teledyne	23	23¾
Temple Inland	47¾	47¾
Tenneco	43¾	43¾
Texaco	61½	61½
Texas Inst	77½	77¾
Texas Utilities	32¾	32¾
Textron	52¾	52¾
Time Warner	39½	39¾
Times-Mirror A	19	19
Timken	33¾	33¾
Torchmark	41½	40¾
Toys R Us	30¾	30¾
Transamerica	53¾	53¾
Travelers	38¾	38¾
Tribune	55¾	54¾
Tyco Labs	48¾	48
UST Inc	30¾	30¾
UAL	98	97
USX Marathon	16	15¾
Unicom	25¾	25¾
Unilever NV	117¾	118¾
Union Camp	50½	50
Union Carbide	28¾	28¾
Union Pacific	51	51
Unisys Corp	9¾	9¾
USAir Group	5¾	5¾
USF&G Corp	15	14¾
US Life	37¾	37¾
US West	39½	39¾
United Tech	65¾	65¾
Unocal Corp	27	26¾
Upjohn	33¾	33¾
VF Corp	50	49¾
WMX Tech	26½	26¾
Wal-Mart Stores	23¾	23¾
Warner-Lambert	79¾	80¾
Wells Fargo	157¾	159¾
Westinghouse El	14½	14½
Weyerhaeuser	39¾	39¾
Whirlpool	52¾	53
Whitman	17¾	17¾
Winn Dixie	53¾	53¾
Woolworth	15½	15¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	45¾	45¾
Xerox	108¾	109¾
Yellow Corp	20¾	21¾

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	31½	39	50	7½	16½	21
(*517)	550	8	14½	26	35½	45	48½
Argyll	260	22	28½	31½	5	9½	12
(*275)	280	11	17	21	12	19½	22
ASDA	60	7	9	9½	1	2½	3
(*65½)	70	1½	4	5	5½	7	8
Boots	460	35	44½	49	5	13½	14½
(*494½)	500	11	21½	28	21½	33½	34
Br Airways	360	34½	43½	48½	4	11½	15
(*386)	390	16	25½	32½	15	25	28½
BP	420	18	28	34	11	18	20
(*425½)	460	3½	11½	16½	38	42	43½
Br Steel	140	17	21	23½	2	4	5
(*154½)	160	5	9½	12½	9½	12½	13½
C & W	360	35½	43½	50½	4	10½	14½
(*388)	390	15½	25	34	14½	22½	27½
CU	493	36½	—	—	8½	—	—
(*527)	543	7½	—	—	36½	—	—
ICI	700	42	53½	62	13	21½	28
(*734½)	750	13	29	38	41	48	53
Kingfishr	420	24	29	37½	11	23	27½
(*425½)	460	7½	13	21	36½	48½	52½
Land Sec	550	40½	47½	52	3½	14½	17½
(*578½)	600	11½	18½	25	25	41	43½
M & S	390	18	25½	32	8½	14½	18
(*396½)	420	5½	11	18	26	32	34½
Nat West	500	18	30½	36½	23	28	36
(*502½)	550	4	13	18	63	63	68½
Sainsbury	420	17	25	32	11	20	23
(*422)	460	3	9½	16	38½	46	47½
Shell	700	32½	44½	55	13	17½	23½
(*724½)	750	8	20	30	43½	45½	50½
Smkl Bch	460	31½	41	49½	7½	14½	19½
(*483)	500	10½	21	29½	27	34	39
Storehse	220	19½	24½	27½	2	7½	7
(*234½)	240	8	12½	16	9½	16	15½
Trafalgar	60	9	10½	12½	1	2½	3½
(*66)	70	4	5	7½	5½	7	8
Unilever	1150	43	63½	85½	28	39	45
(*1169½)	1200	18	39½	60	58½	67½	72
Zeneca	850	54½	70½	85	20½	25	32
(*891½)	900	26	44½	58½	46	49½	55½

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	360	23½	34½	38½	0	5	9
(*383½)	390	1	15	20½	7	16½	21
Ladbroke	160	14½	17	22	0	3½	7
(*174½)	180	0½	6	11½	6	13	17
Utd Bisc	330	16½	26½	31½	0½	12½	17
(*346)	360	0½	13	18½	15	29½	33½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	21	—	—	9	—	—
(*457)	475	9	—	—	23½	—	—
Thames W	460	30	40½	44½	5½	18½	23
(*479)	500	8½	19	24½	26½	40½	44½

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	420	33½	41½	45½	0	9½	17½
(*453½)	460	1½	16½	23½	7½	29½	37½
BTR	300	15½	20½	27	0½	8½	12
(*315½)	330	0½	6	13	15	25½	28
Br Aero	448	24	37½	—	0½	19½	—
(*471½)	487	1	18	—	17	35	—
Br Telcm	360	29½	38½	45	0	3	8
(*389½)	390	2½	18	25	2½	12	20
Cadbury	409	6½	23½	33	1	11	15½
(*414½)	447	0	8½	15½	32½	34½	37
Guinness	420	13½	22½	32	0½	12	15½
(*433)	460	0	6	14½	27	37½	39½
GEC	280	10	20	24½	0½	5	11
(*289½)	300	0½	9	14	11	15	21½
Hanson	240	3½	11	15	1	8½	12½
(*242½)	260	0	3½	7	17½	21½	25
LASMO	140	19	22	26	0	2	3½
(*159)	160	2	9½	14	3	9	11
Lucas	180	12	18½	23½	0½	5	8
(*192)	200	0½	8	13½	9	15	17½
Pilkngtn	140	18	21½	24	0	1	2½
(*158)	160	1½	8½	11½	2½	7½	10
Prudential	300	2½	11	17	2½	16	19
(*301½)	330	0	3½	7	28½	39½	41
Redland	420	24½	33½	39	0	15	19½
(*444½)	460	0½	11½	19½	16	39½	43
R-Royce	160	2½	10	14½	1	8½	11½
(*161½)	180	0	3	7	18½	22½	24½
Tesco	240	8½	16½	19½	0½	7½	10
(*247)	260	0½	6	10	13	19	21
Vodafone	183	6	—	—	1	—	—
(*188½)	200	0	7½	11½	11½	15½	19
Williams	330	4	15½	21½	1½	14½	18½
(*332½)	360	0	4½	10	27½	36	39

FT-SE INDEX (*3080½)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Feb	133	85	39	10½	1	1
Mar	145½	104	69	41½	22½	11
Apr	158	122	93	66	44	28½
May	179½	145	115½	89	67½	48½
Jun	—	160½	—	104½	—	62
Puts						
Feb	1	2½	8½	30	78	128
Mar	14½	23	38	61	93	133½
Apr	32½	45½	65½	89½	116½	151½
May	44½	60	80	103½	132	164½
Jun	—	72½	—	116½	—	174½

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	24½	30½	37	6	14	19½
(*439)	460	5	12	18½	34	37	41
Amstrad	150	6	13½	—	6½	11½	—
(*150)	175	0½	5	—	26½	28½	—
Barclays	600	24	37	49	14½	27	35
(*612½)	650	4	16½	27½	50	57½	64
Blue Circ	280	11½	19½	24½	5½	16	20½
(*289)	300	3½	10½	16	17½	28	32½
Br Gas	300	12½	20½	25½	4	12	15½
(*308½)	330	1	7	12	22	31	33½
Dixons	200	16	23	27½	2½	5	9½
(*213)	220	5	11½	17	11	13½	20½
Forte	220	19½	25	28½	1	6	8½
(*237½)	240	6	13	18	7½	15	17½
Hillsdwn	160	19½	22	23½	0	3½	6½
(*178½)	180	4½	9	12	5	13	16
Lonrho	140	15½	21	23	0½	3½	5½
(*154)	160	3	10	12	8	11½	14½
Sears	100	6½	9½	10½	1½	4	5
(*104½)	110	1½	4½	6	6½	10	10½
Thrn Eml	1000	55½	84½	95	4½	16½	32½
(*1046)	1050	22	53	64	21	35½	54½
Tomkins	220	12	20	23½	2½	7½	12½
(*228)	240	2½	10	14	13½	17½	23
TSB	240	9	22	25½	7	13	18
(*244)	260	3	13½	17	19	24½	29½
Wellcome	1000	39½	50½	57	25½	37	47½
(*1014)	1050	17½	28	37½	61½	65½	75½

	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	600	55½	75	83	8	16½	27
(*641)	650	24½	45½	54	27½	36	50
HSBC	650	34½	48	61½	25	40	50
(*663½)	700	11½	27½	41	60½	70½	79½
Reuter	420	33½	45½	54½	8½	13½	16½
(*446½)	460	12½	24½	34½	27½	33	36

	Series	Feb	May	Jul	Feb	May	Jul
Royal Ins	280	6½	17½	23	1	14	18
(*286)	300	8	9½	14	14	26	29½

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	110	9	15½	20	3	8½	10
(*115)	120	4½	10½	15½	8½	13½	15

	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Gp	700	10½	45	58½	5½	29	43½
(*704)	750	0	23½	36½	46	58½	73

	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	450	24	36½	44½	5	14½	22½
(*477½)	500	4½	16	25	25½	36½	44
Scot Pwr	330	12½	25½	30½	6	13½	20
(*335)	360	2	12	16½	26	31	37

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*Underlying security price.

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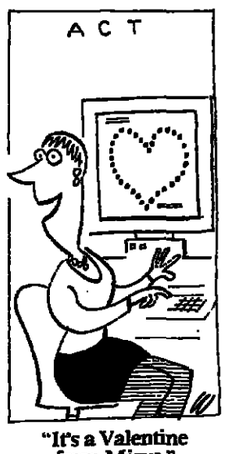
CITY DIARY

Holmes away at CLL

JOHN HOLMES, head of UK sales at Credit Lyonnais Laing, has, I'm told, resigned. His exit from CLL, after three years with the firm, took place on Friday and follows, so I am also told, what has been a period of strained relations with some of those at the top. City friends speak well of Holmes, 51, who has a sense of fun, and is known as "Holiday Holmes" because of his love of golf. He established Hoare Govett's New York office in the early 1980s, headed up Morgan Grenfell Securities in London, and then worked for Morgan Stanley. At one stage, Holmes planned with his friend Peter Quinnen — until March, 1990, chief executive of James Capel — to set up their own research company, but although they raised £5 million, it did not take off. He then moved to CLL. After a career like that, Holmes is unlikely to be on holiday for long. His replacement as UK head of sales at CLL is Peter Benka.

What a picture

IT'S not true that anybody nominated as the *Guardian*'s Young Business Man of the Year fades away, never to be heard of again. John Ashcroft, the *Guardian*'s 1987 man, who left Coloroll Group in 1990, has been studying in Manchester for a PhD, which he hopes to complete this year, and has been pursuing his passion to illustrate dry economic information in easy-to-understand / quick-to-absorb picture form. *The Economic Picture Book*, a quarterly publication at £145 a year, rolled off the presses yesterday.



"It's a Valentine from Misys."

Bank at war

A BLACK and white photographic exhibition illustrating how the Bank of England coped during the war years 1939-45 opens on Thursday and runs until March 31 at the Bank's museum, entrance free. The pictorial history shows how the Old Lady's staff ate, exercised, worked, defended, and were even decontaminated, while in the vaults — but there are no pictures of any of the Governors wearing gas masks. Also, the riddle of how everybody found working space alongside all those gold bars remains a secret. "We have many vaults." is all a 1995 spokesperson will say.

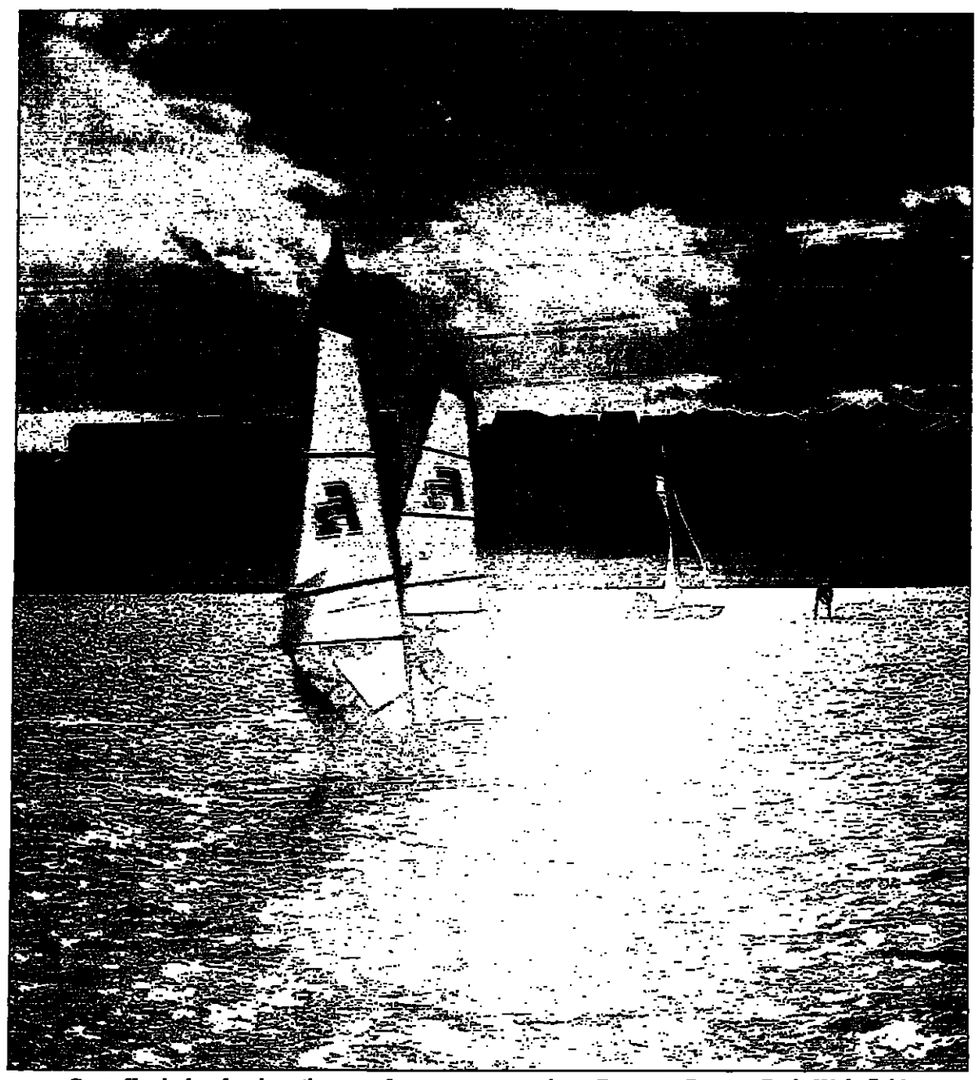
Caught young

NATWEST (Worcester Park branch), keen to offer financial planning advice, has caught in its net Kate Finn, daughter of Central Statistical Office Press officer Mike Finn. Kate, has been told by letter that "a regular review of your financial situation is strongly recommended" and she has been invited to make contact. Mike is confused. Kate is only seven years old, and as far as he is aware, her total disposable income is just 35p a week and is invariably spent on lemonade and ice lollies.

COLIN CAMPBELL

New-style coal firms out to make money by cleaning up

Councils are looking to open-casting to create country parks from dereliction, says **Ross Tieman**



Cast off: windsurfers in action on a former open-cast site at Pugney's Country Park, Wakefield

Mention coal mining, and the average Briton conjures up images of grimy faces beneath miners' helmets, pit winding gear and slag heaps.

Yet so great was the contraction of the industry in the first half of this decade that the businesses transferred to the private sector last December have fewer than 20 deep mines between them. Although the distribution of coal reserves ensures that more than half of production still comes from deep mines, most mines in Britain's new private sector coal industry are open-cast pits producing half a million tonnes or less each year. This will have far-reaching consequences, both industrial and social.

Open-cast pits usually offer production costs well below the world market price of coal. A private sector regime, in which high employment is a cost, rather than a political bonus, will tend to favour development of open-cast reserves rather than deep mines.

Since open-cast sites, typically, have a life of only three to seven years, while deep mines may stay in production for a century or more, the new owners of Britain's coal industry have acquired a great many short-life assets. In ten years' time, the owners of the industry will be those with economic deep mines, and companies that are successful in winning planning consent for open-casting.

How much of an advantage will existing open-cast operators have when seeking consent?

Winning planning permission for new open-cast coal mines is not going to be easy in the green-tinged Nimby Britain of the 1990s. Few homeowners want a monster hole in the ground at the bottom of their garden, or lorries rumbling past their doors to remove several million tonnes of dusty rock.

Yet local authorities can ill afford the poor publicity from allegations that protecting the back-yards of well-heeled voters has cost the jobs of 150 or so electors per pit who are already working in the industry.

The resolution of these contradictory pressures may well hinge on a third factor: derelict land reclamation.

For historic reasons, many of Britain's biggest open-cast reserves are beneath areas of industrial dereliction. That is because Britain's industrial revolution began where coal outcropped naturally. Early miners followed the drift underground, while their customers built steelworks, acid plants, coke works and other related factories on the surface. When easily exploitable reserves were exhausted, successful mine owners sank shafts into new areas of the same deposits, to tap them at greater depths, establishing Britain's deep mine industry.

Open-casting began as a wartime response to coal shortages. Using bulldozers to remove the over-burden where coal once outcropped, contractors scooped up the fuel left behind by the inefficient drift miners. Draglines became bigger, and British Coal, although essentially committed to deep mining, began to open-cast in the countryside, in an effort to balance employment and produce profits.

In recent years, environmental considerations have made it easier to win planning consent for open-casting on derelict or contaminated sites left by the closure of early coal-related industry. Mining the coal requires removal of contaminated soil; profits from coal mining provide the funds for restoration.

As Bryan Riddleston, chief executive of Celtic Energy (which bought British Coal's South Wales assets), points out, the core skills of Britain's open-cast coal companies lie entirely outside mining. Mineral extraction is done for them by contractors such as Wimpey, Taylor Woodrow and Amec.

What the coal companies possess is three specialist skills. They know about coal marketing. They have learnt to identify extraction sites and obtain planning consent from local authorities. And — crucial to obtaining that consent — they have developed great expertise in land restoration.

British Coal Opencast had an admirable record in taking polluted sites, extracting the coal beneath them and restoring them as industrial sites, country parks or farmland. Increasingly, local authorities will be looking at open-casting as a means of achieving their land reclamation goals. Reclamation skills and experience will become crucial to obtaining mineral extraction consents.

When Mr Riddleston, an accountant by training, became head of British Coal's open-cast operations in South Wales seven years ago, output was 1.1 million tonnes a year. In the year to April, production is likely to top 3 million tonnes. Since 1988, Mr Riddleston has built what is now Celtic Energy into a business with 160 direct employees, 1,500 or so contract miners, and annual sales of about £140 million. Last time British Coal revealed a profit figure for the operations, it was comfortably over £25 million a year.

The key to Celtic's success in increasing output has been collaboration with local authorities. In two cases, local authorities have given themselves planning consent to extract minerals and appointed British Coal, now Celtic, as their contractor.

The best-known case is the East Merthyr Restoration Scheme. In a three-phase project, Celtic is engaged in reclaiming 800 acres of derelict land, some of it adjoining homes. As part of the current phase 2, Celtic will be responsible for diverting a trunk road, upgrading it to a dual carriageway, and providing access to new industrial development sites and recreational land. Local knowledge, contacts, landholdings and markets are crucial to this process. For that reason, the new open-cast companies may find it difficult to expand into each others' areas.

The best opportunities may lie overseas. Huge areas of the former East Germany and the northern Czech Republic are blighted by open-cast and associated workings, while industrial contamination is common in Poland, the former USSR and elsewhere. British reclamation skills, self-financing from coal extraction, may find a ready market there, especially if the going gets tough at home.

Kohl grapples with problem of pit subsidies

Colin Narbrough looks at divisions over propping up Germany's coal industry

The centre-right coalition of Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is holding crucial talks today on how to finance the billions of marks of subsidies that still prop up Germany's uneconomic coal industry.

German hard coal mining played a key role in the country's post-war economic miracle and employed 600,000 workers at its peak in the late 1950s. Although that has contracted to 100,000, the workforce remains about ten times the size of Britain's privatised coal sector.

Although German coal costs four times as much as that available on world markets, Germany, with no oil and gas riches to match those of other North Sea economies, has persisted with generous subsidies.

The strong anti-nuclear lobby in Germany has also helped to foster continued reliance on coal-fired electricity generation.

Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister, recently observed that the federal Government was faced with prospect of paying DM100,000 per miner next year to keep the pits going. This raised the question whether such support could be justified in terms of energy, regional or Budget policies, he said.

> "Coal mining played a key role in the economic miracle"

Regional elections next Sunday in Hessen, and, more importantly, in North Rhine Westphalia, which includes the Ruhr, Germany's coal and steel heartland, have made the coalition's subsidy talks a highly sensitive political issue.

As the Government combed its expenditure for possible cuts after the post-unification ballooning of the public deficit, subsidies of DM7.5 billion a year that go to support coal for the power industry naturally came under scrutiny.

But a December court ruling, that the 8.5 per cent levy electricity consumers must pay to support native coal was unconstitutional, increased the pressure on the Government to change policy. The court gave Bonn until the end of this year to switch to an acceptable system.

The Government had already decided to cut the annual subsidy to DM7 billion from next year, with further unspecified cuts due from 2000. It is also seeking to reduce its share of the DM3 billion annual subsidy to native coking coal for the steel industry from two thirds to a half.

Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats want the support regime to continue, but their coalition partners are keen to wind it down. Coalition talks last week failed to produce agreement on either the coal levy, or on the support German steelmakers are required to make for coking coal.

The Christian Democrats have proposed that a new energy tax could be used to finance progress towards a range of energy policy targets, including continued support for coal mining.

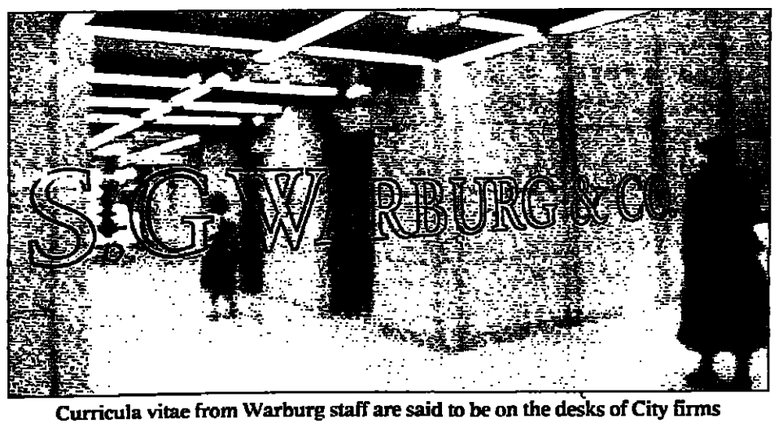
Their coalition partners, the Free Democrats, the most ardent advocates in the Cabinet of free-market policies, and the Christian Social Union, the strongest supporter of nuclear energy, have argued against the new tax. Rudolf Scharping, leader of the opposition Social Democrats, who now control the upper house of the German parliament, last week threatened to defy this year's Budget unless financing for the coal industry was secure. While Herr Waigel has voiced concern about the impact the continuation of heavy subsidies to coal would have on his programme of consolidating public sector finances, figures out yesterday revealed that government deficits were reduced by 28 per cent in the first three quarters of last year to DM95.5 billion.

Intimately related to the issue of coal subsidies is the wider question of Germany's competitive position on the world market. Environmentalists, who have a powerful political voice, have blocked and delayed expanded use of nuclear energy, the alternative much favoured by industry.

Herr Kohl's political style has been typified by letting problems smoulder. But with Bonn's European partners successfully extracting themselves from costly native coal in Europe's interlinked energy market, he may soon be forced to put the writing on the wall for Germany's coal mines.

Patricia Tehan charts the crisis at SG Warburg

City jewel loses its sparkle



Curricula vitae from Warburg staff are said to be on the desks of City firms

Until December, SG Warburg was the jewel in the crown in British merchant banking — the closest thing we had to rival global giants such as Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs and Salomon Brothers.

Since Big Bang in 1986, Warburg had become the City's pre-eminent integrated investment bank, aiming to provide a one-stop shop for financial services. It intended to compete globally, while making the most of its European traditions and strengths.

Now the firm has been plunged into crisis. Where once confident, some might say arrogant, voices echoed around its Finsbury Avenue offices, now there is only anxious whispering about what the future holds, as each day brings fresh news of dismissals and defections.

Events reached fever pitch this weekend. Board directors were summoned to an emergency meeting at the firm's Broadgate offices. There, Lord Cairns, the chief executive, accepted responsibility for the firm's failed merger talks with Morgan Stanley, a US-based global investment bank, and subsequent loss of some of its key staff, and resigned.

The collapse of the merger talks in December left Warburg with an uncertain strategy and unsure of its future. There has been constant stock market speculation, naming Warburg as a takeover target.

Lord Cairns lost the confidence of his staff and, as one director put it, when the football team is not performing, the manager has to take responsibility. The crisis escalated last week when ten of Warburg's key corporate financiers jumped ship to join Deutsche Bank's new investment banking business.

Warburg is now faced with the task of identifying key staff and teams it cannot afford to lose. Rumours abound of pay rises, extra bonus incentives and guaranteed bonuses. The difficulty Warburg faces is finding a way to pay for them. Yesterday, along with Lord Cairns's resignation, the bank issued a profits warning, saying that the difficult market environment had continued to have an adverse effect on investment banking results.

Until recently, Warburg has not found any great difficulty in holding on to staff. In the year to March 31, 1994, its wages and salaries bill, including performance-related bonuses and deferred pay provisions, was £422.7 million, taking total staff costs to £469.9 million — an average of £105,000 per person.

Some argued that Lord Cairns should have resigned when the Morgan Stanley deal failed. He made the approach to Morgan Stanley and led the negotiations, assisted by Nick Verey, chairman of Warburg's banking business. He sold the idea of the merger to staff and to shareholders as enabling Warburg to leapfrog the competition and accelerate its strategy of becoming a global integrated investment banking group within five years.

When the talks failed, Warburg was left in the embarrassing position of having admitted it needed a partner to achieve this ambition. A few days later, Peter Twachtmann, the Warburg director who jointly ran a loss-making bonds business resigned. His joint head, Peter Bass, left last month. Warburg has now pulled out of eurobonds, with the loss of 180 jobs. The move, and increased talk yesterday by Sir David Scholey, the chairman who has taken over the chief executive's job, of the need to curb costs, has fuelled fears that more jobs will go.

Lord Cairns attempted to restore stability at Warburg two weeks ago. He restructured a reporting line put in place last October, taking day-to-day control of operations away from Mr Verey and Derek Higgs, chairmen of its banking and broking businesses.

The move was not dramatic enough. Warburg has 300 directors of its various business units. They were increasingly dissatisfied. Warburg CVs are rumoured to be papering the desks of other City firms.

That Lord Cairns stayed on for another two months is proof of his standing at Warburg and in the City. While his reputation has been dented, he is thought unlikely to be in the job market for long.

The task facing Sir David is to restore Warburg's credibility among staff and clients and restore its investment banking operations to profitability.

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Ntl	439	-1	4.4	14.6
314	233	Allied Irish	269	-1	4.7	10.3
278½	171	Aus New Z	215	-2	5.5	7.5
3300	2462½	Bank America	2562½	-25		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	209		3.2	11.8
640	487	Barclays	613	+1	3.4	15.0
319	246	Bk of Ireland	309	-3	4.7	8.9
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2699¾	-31¼		
285½	203	Close Bros	230	+5	4.1	10.4
£150½	£121¼	Commerzbk	£141¼	+2¾	6.0	
1296½	993¾	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1115¾	+12½	0.5	
£34¾	£27¼	Deutsche Bk	£30⅞	+5⅝	2.3	
1315¼	715¼	Espirito Santo	718¼		5.3	3.6
98	57	First Nat Finl	68		2.8	43.4
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1356	-23½	0.4	
473	208	Habibsons	238		7.9	14.6
1113	589	HSBC	664	-11	4.6	9.8
1133	578	HSBC HK	657	-13	4.7	9.5
413	393	Joseph (L)	393		5.6	11.4
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	630	+3	3.8	11.1
680	519	Lloyds	554	-6	6.0	9.0
620½	472	Ntl Aust Bk	498	-1	7.1	
622	421	Nat West	502½	-5½	4.8	9.8
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150		6.8	
79	53	Rea Bros	64		1.9	17.9
528	373½	Ryl Bk Scot	421	+2	4.1	12.1
1574	1050	Schroders	1526	-30	1.5	14.0
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1366	-19	1.7	12.5
114	75	Singer & Fried	85		4.6	10.9
359½	223	Stand Chart	265	-5	3.0	9.1
291	197	TSB	244	-1½	4.6	
1012	569	Warburg SG	706	-20	3.9	12.9
£106	8612½	Wells Fargo	9987½	+12½	2.9	
380	194	Westpac	227½	-¾	2.6	
390	203	Woolwich	229		5.9	15.0

BREWERIES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	153			
619	485	Bass	526	+2	5.0	13.0
289	243	Boddington	245		4.2	13.2
196	168	Burtonwood Brwf	171		3.7	14.3
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	168		3.1	20.4
86	46½	Fosters Brewing	55		5.2	73.7
483	336	Fuller Sm 'A'	338		2.9	14.0
511	399	Greenalls Grp	406	-4	4.0	13.4
584	452	Greene King	473	-2	3.5	12.9
287	239	Hardy Hanson	258	-1	4.5	12.6
170	135	Heavitree	156	+9½	3.8	
3773	3125	Holt J	3388		1.8	18.6
248	195	Mansfield	237		2.5	14.5
314	256	Minden Thmp	278		2.7	13.5
545	439	Morland	445	-3	3.0	13.4
10¼	6½	Paramount	7		3.6	16.5
329	289	Regent Inns	311	-5	3.3	23.8
1565½	1000	SA Breweries	1456½		2.0	22.5
591	477	Scot & New	490½		4.4	14.2
308	212	Vaux Group	217	+3	5.7	12.2
491	324½	Wetherspoon JD	463		1.8	25.5
617	494	Whitbread	539		4.5	14.4
589	486	Wolverhampton D	489		3.6	12.9
208	148	Yates Brost	193		2.5	15.2
535	450	Young 'A'	460		4.1	16.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey†	130		5.0	9.5
300	143	Alfan	155	+1	4.5	14.5
164	61	Amec	67		5.6	38.7
166	47	Andrews Sykes	166			
462	333	Ashtead	422		1.6	26.7
191	97½	Avonside	99		5.6	11.6
41	35	Bailey (Ben) Con	35		2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	45			
292	138	Barratt Devs	178	+2	4.2	13.8
169	122	Beazer Homes	135		5.0	10.6
304	179	Bellway	192		4.6	11.4
59	31	Belwinch	37			32.5
573	330	Berkeley Grp	330		2.8	10.2
215	118	Bett Bros	178		3.2	5.5
335	210	Boot (Henry)	225		3.7	11.1
121	35	Brandon Hire	121	+8	1.5	
235	130	Br Bldg & Eng	130		7.7	8.1
197½	105	Bryant	113	-½	5.6	10.7
145½	98	CALA	103		3.4	14.2
54	31	Campbell & Arm	33			
62	44	Clarke T	52		3.0	34.1
42	17½	Costain	23	+½		
185	100	Countryside	101		5.4	12.4
130	73	Crest Nicholson	80		3.2	
140	91	Cussins	91		4.7	11.0
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	18		2.1	
473	338	Eve Group†	343		5.7	9.9
60	24	Galliford	27		4.6	
112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	87		3.9	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	863		2.1	14.8
86	71	Green Brent	84		8.3	25.9
197	121	Havelock Euro	197		1.9	18.0
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	151½		2.5	17.4
144	83	Higgs & Hill	84		9.7	
32	19	Howard Hldgs	19		5.3	17.7
25	6	Jarvis	9			
138	103	Keller	104		4.5	12.1
438	199	Laing (J)	199		5.7	18.0
164	90½	Laing 6¼% Cv Pf	91	-1	8.8	
145	115	Lon Clydeside†	117		5.7	
173	48	Lovell (YJ)	48		2.7	5.8
253	198	Maunders (J)	206	-1	3.3	12.3
321	154	McAlpine (A)	162	-2	5.0	23.7
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	54			19.0
64	55	Morgan Sindall	56		0.2	
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	97		2.8	
379½	170	Persimmon	178		6.5	13.3
2400	1450	Poclins	2106¼		1.9	21.0
198	116	Prowting	116		3.9	17.7
76	44½	Raine Ind	50½		7.4	10.5
61	45	Secure Retire	48			14.9
132	93	Redrow	97		3.5	9.6
67	50	Smfd-Rve	55		1.7	25.9
398	233	Sheriff Hldgs†	390		1.8	16.3
114	62½	Shorco	96	-5	4.8	13.5
245	195	Smart (J)	205		5.2	21.5
280	155½	Spander	258		1.2	20.8
257	151	Tay Homes	176		4.6	12.9
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	130		1.7	31.8
760	519	Tilbury Dougls	519	-4	7.9	39.8
63	36	Totts Hist	60		2.9	21.0
40½	19	Try Group	19		3.3	
129	90	Vibroplant	107		4.4	19.2
170	110	Wainhomes	110		5.6	11.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	54		1.2	
225½	124	Westbury	125	+1	5.4	11.4
7	3¼	Wiggins	4¼			
259	139	Wilson (C)	141		3.7	11.7
571	311	Wilson Bowdn	329		3.7	14.3
249	113	Wimpey G	132	+3	5.0	19.7

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Albrighton	14		4.5	23.6
341	283	Alumasc	338		2.2	
65½	43½	Amberley Grp	51		3.1	26.2
363	274	BPB Ind	320		3.3	16.4
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	123		3.2	12.7
60	30	Barden	33		7.6	
93	58	Blockleys	70		1.6	
391	262	Blue Circle	285	-4	4.9	20.2
117	72	Breedon PLC	74		7.8	21.2
154	128	Br Dredging	134		5.2	16.1
409	327	CRH	375	+3	2.6	18.0
70	31	Castlemead Rby	48			4.9
278	198	Caps	209		6.6	13.3
456	224	Caradon	246	-9	4.5	16.3
215½	114	Caradon pf	123	-3½	7.4	
62	46	Chelton Gp	54		8.1	10.8
162	81	Dyson (J&J)	107		4.1	16.7
97	64	Dyson 'A'	64		6.8	9.6
13½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	12			
350	273	Epwin	282		3.5	16.7
82	57	Erith	82		2.8	34.9
218	160	Graham Grp	179		3.2	17.1
399	312	Halstead (J)	317		3.0	14.6
511	282	Hepworth	293		6.2	17.0
86	46	Hewetson	83		2.3	14.3
152½	63¾	Hewitt (J)▲	88		2.5	
473	247	Heywd Wms	255		6.4	14.9
100	67	Ibstock	82	+2	1.5	
294	149	Johnston	369		2.1	32.3
170	94	Liftcraft	96	+1	6.1	10.1
213½	124	Marley	131	+1	4.0	15.5
155	124	Marshalls†	127		4.4	11.3
569	325	Meyer Intl	353		3.8	13.8
198	146	Newman Tnks	165		4.9	20.8
212½	88	Novers	93		9.4	17.6
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13			
208	143	Pilkington†	158	+1	3.2	30.4
185	125	Polypipe	126	-½	2.2	14.7
1079	805	RMC Gp	943	-4	2.8	19.5
40	13	Ramus	13			
640	415	Redland	445	-3	7.0	20.6
109	70	Rostel	109		4.9	
185½	102½	Rugby Group	115	-2	3.8	14.5
103	62	Russell (A)	90	+1	3.1	18.5
288	222	SIG	235		3.0	18.9
21	16	SWP	18		1.4	25.1
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	176		3.1	12.9
81½	36	Spring Ram	41		1.5	
206	107	Tarmac	116	+1	5.9	
220	157	Tilbury†	157		3.6	12.8
370	274	Travis Perkins	291	+2	3.6	17.9
28	21	Tudor	25		1.2	
54	33	Ulogroup	39			
63	33	Wardhouse	43			
129	83	Wickes	96	+2	1.7	21.6
487½	352½	Wolseley§	392½	-7½	2.7	15.5

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3¾	1½	Anglo Utd	1½			
110	68	App Holo	70			
165	107	Allwoods	118		5.3	
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7			
49	30	Black Arrow	43		9.0	6.9
124	70	Br Bloodstock	79			
13	5¼	Card Gp	5¾			16.0
18½	4½	Chemex†	6½	+½	2.0	19.5
157	109	Cosalt	143		7.0	9.6
237	188	Flotect	227	+1	1.1	19.5
50	35	Headway	38	-2	2.3	29.6
292	234	Hoseocket	263		3.5	19.0
248	156	Leigh	160	-4	6.1	14.8
274	214	Nobo Grp	227		3.4	14.7
310	207	Photo-Me†	234	+7	2.6	22.7
60	38	Plant & Gen	55		4.0	
12½	2½	Porth Group	2½			
51½	5½	Rodime	9			
120	75	Shanks & McEwan	82		3.2	
244	170	Sinclair (Wm)	171		5.2	13.1
700	323	Waste Mgt Intl	332			

CHEMICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	115	Allied Colloids	117		2.6	16.5
790	705	Amber Ind	780		3.4	15.5
£140¼	£108½	BASF DM	£140	+2¾	3.4	
767	623	BOC	729	+3	4.3	17.4
365½	247	BTP▼	247	-2	5.5	14.0
£162½	£128½	Bayer DM50	£153½	+3¼	3.0	
171	97	Blagden	111		1.7	51.9
131	98	Brent Chems	106		4.7	
309	215	Br Vita	222	+4	4.2	16.5
46	18	Cambridge Iso	33			
199	153	Canning (W)	188		4.8	31.8
580	401	Courtaulds	426	-5	4.4	29.0
389	327	Croda	352		3.0	15.1
143	95	Devlies	128		4.5	13.9
88½	35½	Euro Colour	67½	+½	2.5	19.5
149	110	Gibbon†	118		5.8	10.9
223	108	Hickson	129	+1	7.8	11.6
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£143½	+2¾	2.6	
250	153½	Holliday Chem	208		2.8	17.0
868	727	ICI	734	-14	4.7	59.3
191½	97½	Kalon	105	+1	5.2	10.0
843	640	Laporte	680	-3	4.0	16.1
95	48	MTM	82		0.8	
405	290	Manders	307		4.1	14.8
127	100	McLeod Russel	114	-1	6.8	12.4
128	39	Meristeel	41	-18	10.5	5.5
879½	358½	Montedison	452½	-¼	4.4	20.7
349	265	Porvair†	297	-5	2.0	
272	186	Scapa	186	-½	3.8	15.8
66	27	Sutcliffe Speak†	27	+½	3.2	16.0
852½	656	Takeda Chem	765½	-1¼	0.8	14.0
490	325	Wardle Storeys	345	+5	6.2	19.2
220	186	Wellington Hdg	187		3.5	18.1
823	570	Wardmns R	773		3.1	18.1
483	345	Yorks Chem	361		2.4	15.6
338	257	Yule Catto	259		3.2	18.7

DISTRIBUTORS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	98	ABI Las	98		5.2	11.3
317	246	Acal	309		2.6	16.7
595	353	Adam & Harvey	590	-5	3.3	7.4
31	20	Alexanders	21		6.2	
175	91	Appleyard	91	-7	8.0	16.1
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4½		1.4	32.1
578	495	BSS Group	520		4.4	18.3
25½	17	Bearing Power†	21		5.4	11.6
405	249	Beechley Wtr	253		5.2	10.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		3.1	11.6
370	288	Brammer	348		4.7	19.2
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15		1.7	78.0
89	78	Brit Fittings	95		3.0	
71	48	Brown & Tawse	42			
57	35	Bunzlent	38	-1	6.3	
465	245	Caffyns	258		5.6	42.4
59	17	Carter Plc	17½	-2	7.9	3.7
130	73	Central Mtr	73		4.9	
51	32¼	Cook (DC)	38	-1	3.8	11.7
342½	197½	Cowie	226		5.0	11.2
192½	127	Dap Motors	138		5.9	15.9
663	446	Dennans Bt	586		1.4	14.5
620	414½	Diploma	440		3.8	15.4
589	443	Electrocomponts	490		2.6	20.1
175	133	Electron House†	161		2.8	13.5
283	225	Ellis & Everard†	252		3.9	16.7
294	200	Evrodollar	200		5.3	15.6
173	101	European Mtr	101	-2	5.6	11.0
539¼	376	Evans Halshaw	376		4.7	11.8
656	490½	Farnell Elect	560		1.8	22.6
78	50	File Indmar	56	+1	6.1	8.2
34	15	Gardiner	20½		5.0	
46	19	Glencheadde	20			22.1
90	60	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
76	59	Hallo Hldgs	67			52.3
172	122	Harris (Philip)	169		5.1	14.8
342½	258	Henlys	259		3.6	13.9
191	88	Holders Tech	97		7.7	10.5
138	103	ISA Intl	103		2.1	12.9
609	236	Inchcape	300	-2	6.2	10.0
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	159		3.3	17.2
573	281	Lex Service	285	+1	5.9	10.9
282	162	Lookers	175		5.5	
20	14	Malcolm Grp	14		2.2	
9	3¼	Middlesex ©	7¾	+½		
440	279	Norbain	400	-2	0.7	17.8
100	47	Northamber	91		1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152		8.1	14.7
310	228	Pendragon	228	-3	4.1	15.0
238	130	Perry Gp	130		6.7	7.1
216	126	Quicks Group	127		5.2	13.4
168	91	REA	165		4.5	34.1
5¾	2¾	Reece	2¾			
24	4	Ross Gp	4½	-½	3.6	
42	32½	SEP Indl	38	-½	3.4	
44	31	TLS Range	42		3.0	16.9
265	215	Time Products	227		4.8	15.3
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168		3.9	12.4
335	240	Wholesale Ftgs	243		8.1	21.4
30½	13½	Wills Gp	14½	-½	4.3	8.1
74½	35½	Wilshaw	69½		1.2	23.4
69	40	Wyko	64		2.0	21.7
96	61	Young (H)	80		5.6	15.0

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	153		6.1	15.6
380	198½	Antofagasta	308		1.4	24.3
62	46	Armour	46	-1	5.8	9.5
997	773½	Broken Hill	872	+14	2.4	18.3
401	273	BTR	315½	-5½	3.0	16.7
570	372	BAT	454	-7	5.7	11.9
270½	120¼	Bensford Intl▼	235		0.3	62.2
91	49	Bibby (J)	80		4.7	14.8
57½	44	Brierley Inv	46½	-½	9.2	2.6
836	686½	Charter	765	-1	3.8	22.4
285	215	Cookson	228	-1½	3.6	20.6
302	217½	Dawson	242½	-3	6.2	16.7
220	136	Hanson Crsfld	142	+2	7.9	16.2
365½	200¼	Hutch Whamp	252½	-½	2.2	18.9
710	409½	Jardine Math	532½	+8½	2.8	12.1
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	29		4.3	28.8
175½	124½	Lonrho†	154	+1	3.7	28.2
44	16	Porter Chadbrn	40½			
685½	462	Powell Duffryn▼	465		6.7	13.1
164	118½	Rapier	127		7.4	14.4
488	337	Rothmans	466	-6	5.2	22.6
34½	9¼	Saltire	14½	+½		5.5
183½	105	Sime Darby	138	-2	3.2	17.6
257	164	Steeley	169		6.3	53.1
220	148	Suter	150½		7.7	14.5
258	220	TT Group	234	-1	2.8	
283	202	Tomkins†	229	-6½	4.2	14.7
124	62½	Trafalgar Ht	66	-1	1.9	
440	245	Unitran	256		6.3	
324	246½	Wassall	269		1.7	23.1
13½	9¼	Widney	10½		2.5	15.6
414¼	303	Williams Hldg	332½	-4½	4.9	28.5

ELECTRICITY

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
884½	610½	East Midlands†	766	-4	4.5	32.2
866	566	Eastern Grp†	704	-3	4.4	15.4
776	534	London Elect	729	-1	4.2	11.1
886	635	Manweb†	800	-5	4.2	9.6
645½	375½	Midlands Elect	759	-4	4.5	11.6
520	404½	National Power	477½	-½	4.0	13.1
1065	689	Northern Elect	975	-5	3.5	11.5
421	329	NIE Ireland†	346		4.3	9.5
867	587	Norweb	813	-1	3.8	9.8
602	449	PowerGen	504	-5	3.7	10.9
477	307	Hydro-Elect†	314	-2	5.2	9.9
486	324	Scottish Power†	335	-2	4.8	10.6
490	299	Seeboard	435		3.5	11.9
912	591	Sth Wales†	804	-6	4.5	10.9
889	551	Sth Western†	823	+1	3.8	10.9
837	540	Southern Elect	738	-9	4.1	10.7
903½	604½	Yorkshire Elec	811	-8	4.3	13.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	94			
650	478	Admiral	635		1.3	19.5
200	163	Alba	196		3.3	15.2
250	126½	Amstrad	150	+2½	2.1	
39	24	Arlen	37			
94½	77	Astec	78½		1.4	16.1
281	118	Aztec	128		2.9	10.3
478	287	BICC	318	-4	7.6	20.1
283	239	Baxter Hulett†	243		5.1	
16	7	Berkeley Bus	10			
535	402	Bick	463		3.2	15.3
380	280	Bowthorpe	312		2.8	17.9
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½		1.7	18.9
283	194	CML Micro	194		3.9	12.4
67	32	Chanel Hldgs	38	+2	4.1	10.8
35½	20	Chloride	21¼		0.6	58.5
93	68	Cusvella	65		5.1	
180	81	Copytronic	190		3.6	
202	145	Cray Electr	150		2.1	17.5
474	412	Critchley	471		2.3	19.8
403	269	Danka Bs Sys	362	+7	0.6	26.5
566	430	Delta	471	+3	3.9	20.2
565	400	Domino	532	-1	2.5	
78	63	Dowding Mills	68		4.7	24.8
1635	1220	Dracht	1503		0.9	25.6
3756¼	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3253½	-3½	3.3	
38½	21	Emess	30		0.4	
4040¾	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3662½	-50¼	1.1	31.4
86	56	Eurocopy	67		3.8	13.1
451	343	Eurotherm	417	-4	1.6	21.5
410	334½	Farity Group	365	+2	2.0	20.4
283	160	Forward Gp	247		2.8	15.2
38	14½	Forward Tech	22		2.1	9.3
353½	259	GEC	289½	-5½	4.7	14.3
191	102	Gestetner	119	+7	2.5	
191	119	Grasby	129		5.8	13.1
193	121	Ind Control	141		4.4	11.9
385	263	Kenwood Appl	270		4.3	13.3
1325	730	Kershaw (A)	1325		3.2	9.8
185	38	Kode	68	-1	7.4	
55	36	LPA Intl	36		5.6	25.6
320	250	MTL Inst	298		1.8	18.0
281	210	Merwe-Sw	255		2.2	17.8
45	31	Microvitec	36½			18.3
494	185	Mitel	303	-2		
91	60	Pacer Systems	67		6.8	24.2
98	74½	Peek	79		5.4	19.9
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	2112½	+34½	0.9	9.4
359	283	Plico	302		2.0	19.2
344	275	Plico 'A' Vtg	282		2.0	18.0
140	70	Plasmec	118		4.0	
129	80	Pressac	103		3.4	19.8
43¼	17½	Prestwick	25			
309	181	Psion	263		1.4	18.4
381	187	Racal Elect	230	+1	2.4	18.9
53	33	Radamec	46		5.2	12.8
311	207	Renbon	207	-1	2.7	15.1
89	15	Scantronic	18½	-½		
49	34	Shremaines	44		2.3	26.1
94	53	Soundtracic	59		6.1	
104	38	Sthn Burst	52		8.9	
19	9	TDS Circuits	9½			
3225	2265¼	TDK	2725	-28½	1.2	
447	174½	Tadpole Tech	257	+7		
170	77	Telemetrix	80		1.6	10.2
101	51	TGL	89		3.2	16.6
385	191	Telspec	352		0.9	42.5
246	133	Thorpe FW	236		1.7	17.3
142	117	TLG	138		3.2	19.8
43	22	Total Systems	33			34.3
303	215	Tunstall	240		2.0	16.1
391	258	Unitech	377	-1	2.3	19.0
15½	8	Verity	9	-½		24.2
483	377	Volex	377		6.1	15.8
200	60	Wellstonlab	69			
168	93	Whitecroft	167		2.6	18.3

ENGINEERING

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AMT	180		3.1	
138	47½	APV	62	+1½	8.9	
216	145½	ASW	194	-1	3.9	
135	20¼	Aero Handle	34		13.7	3.4
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	17		5.6	
73	27½	Alvist	47		2.7	
175	138	Ash & Lacy	138		5.8	14.3
553	490	Alias Engrg	553		5.0	18.4
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	120		1.6	14.7
40½	26	Babcock	28½	-½		
176	131	BW	131		6.4	20.1
88	64	Baynes (Charles)	79	-1	2.8	20.2
95	23	Beaufort	38			
226	110	Bilam (J)	117		5.7	7.3
329	262	Bodycote	324		2.1	22.2
81	43	Booth Inds	61			
20	13½	Braemar	14		4.7	13.2
171	130	Brason	156		3.2	
578½	386½	Br Aerospace	472	-5	2.1	41.5
172½	121½	Br Steel	153½	-1½	2.9	18.5
125	86½	Bromsgrove Indt	90		6.3	15.1
18½	9½	Brooks Tool	12½		1.0	
51	24½	Brunel	45½	-½		
186	135	Bullough	150		5.0	
80	55	Burnfield	75		3.1	32.2
22	14	CI Group	16		3.4	
293	247	Carclo Engr	259		5.0	15.7
159	110	Castings	156		2.3	19.2
230	150	Charnikes Hit	150		5.6	9.5
360	272	Chemring	309		4.0	14.5
296½	178	Clyde Blowers	179		3.1	
337	235	Cobham	307		3.2	15.3
688	493	Cohen (A)	588		0.8	
263	178	Concentric	185		4.2	14.6
510	231	Cook (Wm)	231		4.1	10.9
206	138	David Brown	216		3.8	15.2
97	68	Dobson Park	68	-1	6.8	12.8
443	343	ES	345	-3	4.5	13.9
101	69	Elliott (B)	94		2.7	14.1
118	80	Expamet	83		3.9	58.8
212	141½	FKI	144		3.6	16.7
148	109	Fenner	135		1.4	62.8
45	18	Ferrum	18			
94	73	GEI Int	88		3.6	16.1
134	91	Garton Eng	120		4.8	
404	295	Glynwed	311		4.7	18.2
16	10	Graystone	12½		2.4	10.6
85	61	Haden MacLn	65½		3.8	17.2
158	90	Hadleigh	153		2.0	17.4
320	143	Hall Eng	146		6.9	11.4
256	191	Halma	193		1.7	20.9
73	47	Hampson Indt	53		4.8	6.9
48	26	Hay (Norman)	37			
184½	122	Hill & Smith	125		6.2	
63	38	Hopkinsons	59		2.8	
41	27	How Gp	35		2.7	
103	78	Howden	82		3.9	13.3
286	157	Hunting	170		7.4	24.3
379	286	IMI	302	-2	4.2	25.6
51	33½	Johnson & FB	42½	-1½		
628	488	Johnson Matth	529		2.9	19.8
32	25	Jones Shipman	30			
335	230	Kelsey Indt	317		5.1	
271	205	Lucas	271		3.2	16.9
20½	11	Lodex (T) A	11½		4.3	
49	31	ML Hdgs	31		4.6	10.8
67	22	MS Intl	22		8.5	13.3
179	129	Mang Bronze	149		3.4	11.5
539	378	McKechnie	397		4.6	23.3
120	61	Meggitt	77	+2	6.4	12.4
120	101	Metalrax	111		4.2	18.4
133	98	Metsec	131		2.9	18.2
589	487	Molins	491		4.0	9.9
408	293	Morgan Cble	320		5.0	15.5
217	178	Morris Ashby†	183	-1½	4.2	13.2
51	34	Neepsend	34		4.6	17.1
128	48	Neotronics†	70		3.0	
93	40	Newmark (L)	40			
39½	27½	OMI Intl	29	+1	7.5	
358	277	Oxford Instr	318		2.0	18.7
341	218	Powerscreen	239	+3	3.9	10.1
23¼	12½	Prospect Indst	13½		7.7	7.0
108	60	Radiant Metal	73			
71	13	Ransomes	55			
95	70	Record	80		5.6	18.0
281	243½	Renishaw	268		3.0	22.8
192	128	Renold	180	-1	2.1	24.9
73	51	Richard (Leics)	55		5.1	39.4
104½	76	Richardson West	77		5.3	16.9
284	152½	Rolls-Royce	161½	-3	3.9	28.5
195	156	Rotork	185		3.3	16.9
190	134	Rubicon	158		3.8	26.8
150½	87	Senior Eng	76		5.6	12.4
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	28.4
630	498	Siebe	593	-7	2.7	17.1
130½	74	Simon Eng	82			
82	35	Six Hundred	81		2.3	26.0
1459½	1031½	SKF 'B'	1156½	-15½		
527¼	411	Smiths Ind	438	+2	3.7	16.7
465	337	Spirax-Sarco	434	-1	2.8	18.4
267	197	Sterling Ind	239		3.7	15.5
455	328	TI	347	-4	4.1	19.2
121	92	Tinsley (E)	97		7.2	13.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	60	-1	6.9	8.6
183	125	Triplex Lloyd	139		8.8	
18½	12	Utd Inds	15		0.8	
1548	980	VSEL	1503	-7	3.0	14.1
31½	11½	Versors	13½			
204	162	Vickers	179		2.4	18.9
231	230	Victaulic	244		4.1	13.4
18	8½	Wilkes Grp	9	+		
581	451	Vinten	514	-3	2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	744		3.2	16.1
527	445	Wagon Indt	448		5.1	22.8
354½	231	Weir	231	-2	3.6	13.8
46½	36	Wellman	39½		3.2	64.5
548	365	Whatman	432	+5	3.0	15.9
364	90	Whessoe	123		2.3	

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	31	AAF Inds	38			
160	108	Airflow Stream	159		3.1	19.6
638	440	Avon Rubber	441	-1	4.7	15.9
238	173	BBA	196		2.9	
86½	54	BSG	56		7.1	35.0
18½	8½	Batson Group	11½		3.6	15.8
306	180	Bostrom	290		2.6	16.5
28½	17	Boustead†	24	+1	5.2	
22	10¼	Caverdale	10¼		1.7	10.9
353	275	ERF	353		1.4	
394	296	First Tech†	393		1.7	22.7
663	510½	GKN	577½	-4½	4.4	33.8
4387½	2337½	General Mtr	2550	+37½	2.0	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	979¼	+5	0.5	
432½	306	Laird	332	+4	4.1	16.0
350	233	Leaders	345			
339	158	Lucas	192	-1	4.6	
64	50	Mayflower	57		3.1	23.2
124	81	Midlands	62	-1		8.6
178	149	Syltone	158		4.0	17.5
281	148	T & N	162	-2	8.4	14.1
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	330	+1	2.4	23.9

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
611	499	AB Food†	607½	-1½	3.1	12.6
368	248	Acatos & Hutch	263		4.4	9.8
74	40	Albert Fisher	45		10.3	13.3
270	205	Banks (S C)	205		6.0	9.4
387	305	Barr (AG)	378		2.6	
72	18	Bensons Crisp	24			
461	378	Booker	391		7.0	14.4
56½	44½	Borthwick	44½		3.7	21.4
212	156	CPL Aromas	195		1.9	18.6
524	370	Cadbury Schw▼	414½	-4½	4.7	13.7
367	143	Carrs Milling	263		2.9	11.9
167	130	Cranswick	155	-2	6.7	11.3
154	90	Dalepak	115	-1	2.2	
543	389	Dalgety	424		6.5	11.6
87	49	Daniels S	49		0.8	
294	210	Devro	213	-3	3.7	14.4
101	52	Everest	89	-2	3.5	33.4
8½	4¼	Farmglore	4¾			
85	60	Finlay (James)	67	-1	7.7	9.1
20½	13	Global	13		4.8	11.8
77	38	Grand Central	50			
430	325	Greencore	430		3.0	11.3
194	102	Hazlewood Fds	114	-1	7.3	7.1
196½	151	Hillsdown	179	+2	6.1	12.7
36	16	Hobson	24			
111	69	JLI Group	73	-1	8.3	10.3
408	313	Lofton Park	339	-6	6.5	9.7
127	85	Matthews (B)	107	+1	3.2	12.9
181	160	Man ED & F	165	-2	6.5	9.1
246	205	Nichols (JN)	231		3.0	14.8
271½	193	Nthn Foods	209		5.3	10.7
14	9	Nthmore Fa	11			
46	23	Pascoe's	23			
81	62	Perkins Food	64		8.7	10.7
98	73	Sentry Farm	85		3.0	9.6
122	71	Sims Food	74		12.7	
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	436		4.1	9.0
238	145	Treat	230		2.5	
434½	317	Unigate	359	-3	6.1	9.8
1247	958	Unilever	1170	-3	2.7	18.8
8118¼	6496¼	Unilever (NV)	7531¼	+28¼	2.9	14.8
398	293½	Utd Biscuits	346	-19	5.5	28.2
49	33	West Trust	35	-½	8.9	24.5
133	85	Yorkshire Food	85		4.8	10.0

HEALTHCARE

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	380	AAH†	382	+1	7.4	10.6
1141	770	Amersham	866	+15	2.5	16.9
81	43	Amgen	47			
297½	240	Assoc Nursg†	202		1.4	11.8
393	243	Bespak	306		4.2	15.7
10	5	Care UK	7½	+½		
115	60	Celsis	72			
38	35	Clinicas	36			
297	220½	Community H	224		4.4	12.9
44	29	CrestaCare	34		2.8	
146	96	Enviromed	102		2.0	13.0
110	82	Ferraris Group	85		3.3	11.8
171	134	Goldsborough	154		2.7	13.8
15½	9½	Greenacre	9½		4.4	12.9
513	403	Huntingdon Tec	498		1.3	23.2
165	39	Intercare Grp	42		8.9	8.8
325	270	Isotron	270		2.3	15.9
171	107	Life Sciences	140	-1	3.7	13.9
152½	74	Lon Intl	97	+1		
80	43	Nester-BNA	44		8.9	10.3
3	1½	Premier Health	1¼			
330	227	Quality Care†	235		2.4	
210	118	Scholl	132	+2	6.1	12.7
363	275½	Seton Health	337		2.5	17.2
83	44	Shield Diag	52			
169½	136½	Smith & Nephw	168		3.8	18.6
21	6	Specialeyes	8			
292	188	Takare	192	-1	1.3	16.7
313	246	UniChem	255		3.3	13.7
400	294	West Hlthcare	331	-2	1.7	18.8

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	201	Airsprung	203		3.0	13.1
193	115	BLP Group	125		1.0	34.3
39	26	Birston Burses	32			
187	91	Cornell Plc 'A'	91		7.8	20.4
285	163	Creighton Nt	163		5.9	11.5
185	133	Denby Group†	144		2.7	15.6
169	113	Gaskell	135		3.9	
14	4½	Lionheart	4¼		5.3	
231	163	Mayborn	163		4.5	10.8
335	245	Ordane Intl	249	+4	5.3	11.3
430	230	Osborne & Little	386		2.4	11.7
625	420	Paterson Zch	421		4.1	12.2
595	350	Paterson Zch 'A'	383		4.5	11.1
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	645	-2	3.5	16.3
291	211	Relyon	261		2.6	47.6
378	183	Silentnight	187		5.3	11.7
46	27½	Staddard	31	-½	6.5	11.7
330	205	Tomkinsons†	207		6.9	
160	125	Victoria Carpet	125		4.5	7.1
118½	94½	Walker Greenbk	106	+1	4.2	19.5
63	44	Wishd Wdgwd	59			46.0
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155		2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1387½		4.8	
2043½	1587½	Am Genl	1912½	-37½	4.1	
112	81	Angerstein†	81	+¾	3.1	66.8
86	47	Arcturt	61		2.0	
165	85	Bradstock	87		7.7	10.5
550	370	Britannic	421		3.9	
117	87	CLM Insce	88		2.9	
701½	473	Gen Union	527	-1	6.0	19.9
108	86	Delian	98		2.1	
1950	1650	Dom & Gen	1655		2.1	17.7
221½	145	FBD K	164	+3½	6.1	7.6
194	140	Fenchurch Gp	155	+1	6.5	10.3
114	89	Finsbury Under	91	-½	1.9	58.7
757	491	Gen Accident	543	-4	6.4	8.7
247	160½	GRE	182	-3	5.4	20.3
105	88	HCG Lloyds	86		7.9	72.5
457	211	Heath C E	235	-1	8.5	
245½	177½	Hibernian IE	208½	+¼	4.6	7.9
114	86	Hiscox Select	103		1.8	
323	238½	Independent	270		4.1	7.3
241	178	Irish Life	184	-2	6.4	17.2
203	118	JIB Group	122		7.7	11.2
110	100	Kiln Capital	101		5.0	
547	407	Legal & Gen	453	-3	5.7	18.0
1568½	965½	Liberty Life	1408¼	-3½	7.5	5.4
119	91	London Ins Mkt	97		2.6	33.8
310	145	Lloyd Thomp	150	+1	6.5	9.9
471	313	Lloyds Abbey	339	+2	7.0	11.6
233	159	Lombard Inst	232		4.1	22.1
443	282	Londn & Man	328	-1	6.2	16.2
119	91	London Ins Mkt	97		2.6	33.8
236	146	Lowndes Lmb	168	-3	5.8	10.4
5983½	4531¼	Marsh McLn	5225	-37½	3.5	
110	80	Mcdbead	84	+1		
188	147	Nelson Hurst	175		4.0	17.5
105	76	New London Capt	79		1.6	
51	47½	Octavian	47½		7.9	
129½	100	Orion	104		6.0	
99	69	Pearl Trust	70		3.6	
124	101	Premium Under	102			
385	271	Prudential	302	-3	5.6	13.9
83	17	PWS	17		4.4	
404	239	Refuge	275	+2	5.3	20.2
350	232½	Royal	288	-3	3.9	5.9
222	139	Sedgwick	156	+1	4.6	17.7
155	104	Sted Burtt	118		9.5	
418	281	Sun Alliance	315	-2	6.0	8.8
107	80	Syndicate Cap	81		1.9	64.6
81	51	Trade Indemnity	67		1.7	14.9
484	302	Transatlantic	318		4.3	38.8
673	432	Utd Friendly	503		4.2	35.9
245	120	Willis Corroon	140	-2	5.9	16.5
28	20	Windsor†	20½		3.0	6.9

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
380	280	3i	356½	-1½	2.6	
106½	63	Abtrust Emerg	70		0.4	
102	76½	Abtrust High Inct	76½		9.2	
290	182	Abtrust N Dawn	192		0.6	
2056	1678	Alliance	1778	-7	3.3	
293	239	American Trust	250½	-½	2.6	
479	383	Anglo & O'seas	409	-4	2.2	
196	131	Baillie Gifford SN	132	-1		
219	172	Bankers†	181	-1	2.2	
75¼	34½	Baring Em Eu	35½	-½	0.4	
381	307	Baring Tribne	318		2.6	
248	198	Berry Starq	222		1.2	
91½	85	Br Assets	88¼	-¼	6.1	
98	85	Br Empire Sec	87½	-½	1.4	
46	25	Br Empire Wts	29½	+½		
234	186	Br Inv	201	-1	3.1	
105½	63½	Brazilion	89	-½	0.4	
272	216	Brunner	220	-1	3.2	
161	117	BZW Conv	130	-2½	7.5	
363	318	Candover	351	-2	4.0	
65	43	Central Euro Gwth	43			
271	144	Chng & Eastern	157	+1	3.5	
223	180	Cont Assets	184		2.1	
95	78	Dano Inv Inct	77		12.9	
328	268	Derby Cap	303	-5		
173	147	Derby Inct	156		13.5	
100	58	Drayton Blue	58		18.1	
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	94		1.1	
156	122	Drytn Far East	138	-4	0.7	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	636	-2	5.1	
108	80	Dunedin Japan	82½	-1		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	303	-1	3.7	
80	29	Dunedin Wts	32	-1		
827	708	Dunedin Wrlde	713	-3	1.7	
122	82½	Edin Dragon	94	-½		
33½	33½	Edinburgh Inca	34		0.2	
380	281	Edinburgh	298½	-1½	3.7	
179	136	EFM Japan	143			
354	286	Electra Invt	318	-1	2.8	
220	183	Electric Gen	186	-1	2.2	
201	169	Eng & Caledont	181		2.8	
127	106	English Scot	114			
345	273	European Asset	283	+2	2.1	
174	145	Fidelity Euro Val	157½	-1	0.2	
103½	70	Fidelity Jap Val	71½	-1½		
172	148	Finsbury 'A'	154			
86	65	First Spanish	65½			
343	267	Fleming Amert	291	-1	0.7	
145	51½	Fleming Chinese	64½	-½	1.0	
92	22	Fleming Ch Wts	32			
287	196	Fleming Claverh	203		3.5	
385	293	Fleming Cont	297	-1	0.9	
210½	134	Fleming Em Mkts	141			
354	190	Fleming Entpt	202½	+1	3.0	
480	378½	Fleming F East	397	-1½	0.6	
432	345	Fleming Fledg	345		1.1	
139	88	Fleming Hi Inct	94		5.9	
109	68	Fleming Indian	72	-1	1.6	
64	33	Fleming In Wts	39			
52½	30½	Fleming Intt	31½		14.3	
284	220	Fleming Japan	234	-2		
347	262	Fleming Merc	270	-1	3.1	
94	84	Fleming Nat Res	84	-1		
347½	273	Fleming Oseas	287	-1	1.9	
155½	124	Foreign & Col	133½	-1½	1.7	
106	93	For & Col Inc Gwth	96		1.8	
148	98	Frgn Emg Mkt	104½	+1		
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	70	+½	1.1	
261	206	Frgn Eurotst	214½	-1½	0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	122	-1	0.5	
374	277	Frgn Pacific	296	-1	1.1	
144	116	Frgn PEP	123		3.6	
192	156	Frgn Smaller	158		1.6	
130	90	Frgn US Smlr	99½	-½		
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	22			
54	45	Fulcrum Inc	45		24.1	
146	134½	Fulcrum Zero	146	+½		
213	188	Gartmore Brit	195		4.7	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	131	-1	0.9	
130	85	Gartmore Sndt	85	+1	14.1	
247	201	G'more Smlr Cos	212	-1	3.4	
128	94	Geared Inc Inv	96		10.8	
200	138	Genl Cons Cap	141			
115½	104	Genl Inc	104		10.5	
106	86	Gartnn Inv	93	-½	0.1	
325	192	Gov Asian Sm Co's	212	+3	0.2	
151	90½	Gov Eng Mks	100		0.3	
191	135	Govett Am Smlr	139			
96½	77½	Gov Glob Smlr	78½	+½		
112	78	Govett High Inc	80		8.8	
429	322	Govett Oriental	349	-3½	0.4	
346	226	Govett Strategic	229	-1	3.7	
475	387	Greenfriar	387		3.3	
19	6	Gresham House	19			
303	208	GT Japant	213	-2	0.7	
156	117	H Govett Smlr Co	118		1.1	
131	113	Hend High	122	-2	5.8	
123	257	Head Strats	363	-1	0.2	
105	85	Herald	85	-1		
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	92	-2	0.6	
27	13	I&S Ent	15			
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	95		3.7	
129	123	Inv Capt	124		5.2	
100	86	Int Biotech	86			
36	18	Int Wts	18			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	132			
124	88½	J Fry 2nd U	92		8.2	
100	90	J Fry Euro U	91		6.6	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	194			
121	101	Jupiter Intl Gm	101		4.2	
243	194	Klnwrt Chrt	204	-1½	3.2	
149	99	Klnwrt E Mkt	103			
124	105	Klnwrt End	115			
88½	73	Klnwrt Euro Prvt	76½	-1	1.3	
49	22½	Klnwrt Euro Wts	25½	-1		
116	79	Klnwrt H Inc	85		12.0	
272½	219	Klnwrt O'seas	229		1.9	
165	120	Klnwrt Smlr	120		3.2	
201	95¼	Latin American	105½	-½		
826	672	Law Debenture	730	-3	3.4	
129	93	Lazard H Inc	98		8.2	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	80			
35	28	Lloyds Sm Div	29		15.3	
129	107	Lloyds Sm Pkg	108	-1	4.1	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	162½		4.8	
108	78½	Lon Smaller Co's	82		4.8	
334	265	Lowland	291		4.0	
1440½	887½	Lydenburg	1250		1.8	
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	518	-7		
151	115	M&G 2nd Dual In	119		25.2	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2580	-5		
353	293	M&G Dual Inct	245			
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	66		9.3	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29½	-¼		
45	35½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	36½		16.8	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	121		5.1	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	56½	-¼		
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	29½			
72½	57	M&G Rec Geared	57½		8.4	
37½	28	M&G Rec Inc	29		16.7	
151	126	M&G Rec Pacgs	130		3.7	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	74½	+½		
128	99	M Curie Euro	103	-1	0.4	
180	119	M Curie Pac	129	-1	0.3	
227	190	Majedie	191		3.4	
57	44	Malakto	57			
324	237	Merchants†	257	-1	5.4	
90	78½	Mercury Euro Pv	83	-½	0.9	
45	25½	Mercury Eur Wt	27½	-1		
125	86	Mercury World	86	-½		
52½	33	Mercury Wld Wts	24			
585	482	Monks Inv Tst	512	-3	1.7	
158	126	Mong Srs Inc	131	-2	4.6	
64	39	Mong Wts	44			
111	60	Mong Lon Amer	67	-½		
65	33	Mong Wts	34			
148	104	Murray Ent	115		2.3	
92	78	Murray Emg Eco	83			
84	54	Murray Euro	56½		0.8	
393	308	Murray Income	323	-1	4.6	
395	296	Murray Intl	313	-3	5.0	
164½	153	Murray S/C DP	164	+½		
174	128	Murray S/C Cap	130			
97	77	Murray S/C Inct	77		17.2	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ulst	3000		4.4	
548	390	Murray Small	395		1.4	
363	302½	Murray Vent	328		4.4	
58	26	Murray Ent Wts	27			
23½	15	Murray Eu Wts	15			
58	15	Newmarket	16			
95	54	NetBrog Inct	54		9.8	
104	61	NetBrog Cap	64			
404	316	O'seas Inv Tst	330	-1	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	184			
840½	362	Pacific Assets	445	-1	0.3	
542	268	Pacific Wts	347	-3		
120	83	Perpetual Jap	85½	-1		
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8800		2.8	
153	121	Pilot Inv	121		1.6	
96	84	Piper Euro Sm	86			
93	88	Prolific Inc	91			
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	171		1.1	
38	25½	River Merc Am Cap	28			
121	100	River Merc Am Inc	100		9.8	
17	9	River Merc Am Wts	9½			
150	114	River Merc Cap	119			
147	85	River Merc Ex Inct	90	-1	10.8	
49	13	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	14½	-½		
116	81	River Merc Gsd Inc	81		11.6	
35	23	River Merc Gsd Pf	26½			
127	109	River Merc Tst Inc	109		10.6	
40	21	River Merc Wt	21½			
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	120		4.3	
77	24	River Merc Sm Wt	24	-1		
448	394	Robeco	394		3.2	
463	398	Rolinco	398		2.0	
99	73½	Schrod Jap Bkth	78½	-1		
32	26	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	33	-½		
1112½	761¼	Schrod Korea Fd	783½	-1½	0.2	
650½	375½	Sch Korea Fd Wt	393½	-½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	113½	-½		
37	27½	Sch Split Fd Cap	29			
129	108	Sch Split Fd Inc	113		8.2	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	90½		2.1	
42	26	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	31	-1		
262½	200	Scot	206	-2	3.1	
183	148	Scot American	152½	-1	4.1	
368	216	Scot Asian	234	-1		
1070	555	Scot Wts	556			
97½	74½	Scot Eastern	79		2.5	
264½	205	Scot Mtge	216	-1½	2.4	
106½	86½	Scot Natl Tst	86½	-½	10.8	
133½	101	Scot Value	101½		2.5	
1795	1475	Second Alnce	1569	-10	3.5	
106	76	Secs Tst of Scot	81½	-1	5.0	
179	133	Selective Asset	133		1.5	
161	127	SHIRESCOT	127		5.3	
51½	33½	Sphere Invt	33½	-½	14.4	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	299	-1	3.5	
412	318	Temple Bar	338	-1	5.0	
135	90	Thmgtn Asian E	100		0.6	
568	453	Throg Dual Cp	493			
101	69	Throgmorton	70½	-½	4.1	
164½	98	Trifun Emg Mkt	109½	+½	0.8	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	145	-½	4.5	
205	127	TR Far East	144	+1	5.0	
124½	80	TR Pacific	93	-1	0.2	
43½	27½	TR Property	29½		3.8	
228	174	TR Smlr Cos	177	-1	2.7	
152	100	TR Tech Inv	104		2.1	
405	180	Turkey Trust	183		1.4	
269	222	USDC Invest	224	-1	2.5	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	113		4.6	
109	61	Wigmore	63	+1	1.0	
257½	205	Wiant	219½	-2½	3.5	
113	95	Yeoman Inc	95		18.0	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	35	Abrdn Stk H	34			
578½	416	Airtours	439	-4	3.4	10.9
46½	17	Aid Leis	23			
177	135	Alpha Airpts	144	-1	3.5	
48	36	Arcadian	39			
131	85	Baldwin	116	+1	3.8	22.0
315	222	Barr & Wallis	222		1.7	13.5
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	233		5.2	6.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	335		1.9	19.2
		Brent Walker	3			
200	100	Bristol Scotts	183		2.0	
		Buckingham Int				
256	114	Chrysalis	254	-1		
94	74	City Centre Rest	77		1.9	15.6
374	305	Compass Grp	320	-2	2.6	16.7
290	232	Eurocamp	250		5.4	15.0
213	78	Euro Disney	138	-3		
4	2	Euro Leisure	2½			
455	308	Fairline Boats	421		4.6	19.4
131	81	First Choice	117		4.2	
350	245	First Leisure	283		3.2	17.7
285	209½	Forte	237½	-4½	3.9	26.1
307	160	Friendly Hotels	160		4.5	25.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	65		2.5	
598	475	Granada	523		2.4	15.6
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	36		9.7	5.3
216	113	Hornby	113		10.0	9.9
184	142½	Jarvis Hotel	184	+9½	3.7	16.8
18½	11½	Kanoch	17½	+½	3.5	20.4
289	200	London Clubs	275		5.4	14.0
217½	145	Ladbroke	174½	-2½	2.5	30.8
104	52	Magnolia	52		0.2	
140½	107½	Man Utd	123		4.3	20
109½	64½	Mandarin Ontl	78		4.2	19.8
15	11½	My Kinda Town	12½			
81	34	Northern	78		4.9	12.6
102	65½	Pelican Gpt	68		2.0	16.7
141	109	PizzaExpress	126		2.0	19.4
183	95	Prism Leisure	95		5.5	6.7
43	31	Quadrant Grp	29			
278	205	Ransdens (Hit)	232	+½	2.4	
447½	355½	Rank Org	392	-4	4.3	19.6
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	31		4.2	17.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	920		0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	79½		2.5	
364	295½	Stanley Leisure	384	+6	1.9	20.9
345½	280	Tanjong	280		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1045	-4	4.2	19.0
167	75	Tottenham Hot	163		0.8	16.9
176	129	VCI	178		1.5	15.7
149	112	Vardon	132		1.1	24.3
18	5	Wembley	5½			
149	107	Zetters Gpt	117		10.1	9.1

MEDIA

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbot Mead	338		2.2	30.8
355	188	Adscene	304	-1	2.9	18.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	26			
11½	2¼	Allied Radio	2½	-½		
26	13	BBB Design	13			35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	185		5.9	16.3
13½	5½	Britain	5½	-½		
345	339	Black (A&C)	320		5.3	11.6
402	178	Blenheim Gp	211	-2	6.1	7.9
205	133	Border TV†	205		2.6	17.9
413	353	Bristol	353		4.4	35.9
271	245	B Sky B	269½			50.8
169	117½	CIA Gp	132		1.6	21.4
28½	22½	Caledonian Med	23			
439	325½	Capital Radio	382	+3	2.4	23.8
1047	797	Carlton Comm	883	-12	3.0	16.0
99	76	City of Lon	88		6.2	13.4
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1400		7.5	23.7
1464½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'†	1109½		1.9	18.8
329	260	Dorling Kind	310		1.3	33.2
469	355	EMAP	401	-1	2.8	22.2
682½	538	Elsevier	630½	-1½	3.1	19.9
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1575		2.4	22.7
17½	8	Fisch	11½			
485	309	Flextech	352	-3		
1033	625	GWR Grp	885	-2½		
275	143	Gold Greenless	152	+1	3.3	18.4
34	22½	Goodhead	23		0.7	
396	278	Grampian	294		3.1	43.7
172	106	HTV Group	144		1.5	32.2
194	32	Harrington K	40	-1	3.7	
515	288	Haynes Pub	328		3.5	16.0
408	328	Hodder H'line	339	-1	2.0	56.2
180	138	Home Counts	158		4.1	37.5
340	250	Independent	253	-3	3.0	13.7
238	161	Intl Bus Comm	230		1.9	11.2
162	119	Interemope	135		2.9	34.2
167½	137½	Johnston Press	145		1.6	20.3
33½	16½	Lopex	16½		1.9	18.7
110	43	MAID	81	+8		
560	338	Metal Bulletin	550		2.5	29.0
177½	108	Midlands Ind	110½		3.2	15.1
203	130	Mirror Gp	139½	+1½	0.9	7.4
431	344	More O'Ferral	357	-6	4.8	28.6
343	231	News Corp	356	-3	0.5	17.0
314	201	News Intl	227	-½	1.3	4.4
	23½	Osprey Comms	27			
735	540	Pearson	684	-9	2.9	20.1
440	180	Phonelink	190			
760	603	Portsmth Sund	603		2.3	12.4
339	228	Quarto	228	-2	3.3	12.4
964	722	Reed Intl	760	-3	3.2	23.0
539¾	404	Reuters	447	-8	1.9	22.4
178	94	Saatchi	107	-5		20.8
633	395	Scot Radio	633		2.3	20.2
574	355	Scot TV	428	-8	3.7	28.7
40½	30½	SelecTV	35	-1		
57	37½	Shandwick	34½	-1	4.7	
252	187	Southnews	232		1.8	23.8
200	37	Sterling Pub	40		11.6	3.7
159	117	Surrey & Vine	128		4.0	11.0
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	34		2.3	20.5
622	310	Telegraph	366	-2	4.4	32.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	785	-18	4.9	38.2
472	357	Trinity Intl	364		3.4	16.8
760	518	Ulster TV	657		3.0	20.9
731	464	Utd Newspapers	505		5.4	32.3
161	91	VTR	103	-4	4.9	11.8
35½	12½	WMEO	12½		10.4	5.9
129	83½	WPP	112	-½	3.2	16.0
426	150	Yorkshire TV	424	-1		

MINING

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Aber Corp	97		4.3	
4625	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3850		2.5	20.4
3736½	2509¾	Ang Am	2568¾	-6¼	2.4	27.7
7351½	4632¾	Ang Am Gold	5412½	-27½	5.1	14.1
36	22	Anglo Pac Res	27½			
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1323½	-10½	1.2	15.7
166	96	Ashton	104	+8	5.0	
404	173	[illegible]	150			
481	294½	[illegible]	[illegible]		5.3	19.0
39	32	[illegible]	32		2.7	27.6
164	53½	[illegible]	99½	+1		
57	12¼	[illegible]	13½		6.1	
698	352½	[illegible]	462¼	-7¼	11.9	
6	2	[illegible]	2¼			
353	245½	CRA	[illegible]	-7	2.7	24.5
300	65	[illegible]	191	-5	3.3	5.0
1723	1222½	De Beers	[illegible]	-6½	3.9	14.1
149	65	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3½	5.0	6.2
1036½	655¾	Driefontein	[illegible]	+8½	5.5	11.4
209¾	107	E Rand Gold	141½	-5½	14.7	4.5
72½	59½	E Rand Prop	75	-½		
75	35	Eastern Trans	45		5.2	
547½	333	[illegible]	365	-11	5.6	17.6
1259	775	FS Cons	755½	-3½	7.4	9.7
3031½	1195½	GFSA	1592½	-37½	3.3	15.9
60¾	40	[illegible]	42	-1	5.3	15.8
239½	162½	Gencor	211	-½	1.3	26.0
152	75	[illegible]	144		7.5	
162	58	MPI	71	-3	2.5	
1762½	1250	Minorco	1455		2.6	
202½	68	MIM	99			9.3
201½	133	Nth Bkn Hill	137	+4	3.6	20.1
94	45	Dyn Gold	52			
101	65	Pancontinental	72			
463	190	Peko Tin	235	-5	0.4	
199	122½	Placer Pac	[illegible]	-1		
425	317	RJE	330	-1	4.3	15.5
905	742½	RTZ	757	-12	3.4	31.6
42	31	Randgold	31			
675	187½	Rand Mines	[illegible]		2.0	50.5
840½	419	Randfontein	579½	-5	12.4	6.4
236	[illegible]	Renison	228			
1629½	1078½	Rustenburg	1472½	-6½	2.4	34.3
112	59	St Barbara	59		2.4	14.7
756	436	St Helena	523½	-5	11.9	
280	195	Sons of Gwalia	235		5.4	14.2
30	16	Sthn Pacific	21			
2887½	1409½	Southvaal	1703½	-3½	4.2	
143	73	Sub Nigel	102½	-½	22.5	
261½	90	Unisel	141½	-5½	7.0	6.5
7600	4503½	Vaal Reefs	4700	-55½	4.8	
23	7½	Venterspost	11		11.3	2.6
545	450	[illegible]	520		2.0	19.6
1213½	508¾	Western Areas	562½	+2½	1.9	35.4
3575	1831¼	Western Deep	2137½	+12½	4.1	
395	302½	Western Mng	322	-½	1.2	42.7
1225	603½	Winkelhaak	687½		7.4	9.1
66	42	Zambia Copper	42			
68	45	Zandpan	45		10.0	10.0

OIL & GAS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
45	24½	Aran Energy	44			26.5
53	35	Arcon Intl	47			
74¾	51¼	Aus Oil & Gas	51½	-½		
68	43	Aviva Pet	48			
249	197	Br Borneo	233		3.8	10.9
358	253	British Gas	339	-1½	5.9	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	436	-½	2.8	23.3
4	1¾	Bula Resources	2½			
919	783	Burmah Castrl	852	-4	4.0	18.9
88	56	Cairn Energy	85			46.7
375	258	Calor Gp	264		5.9	12.7
57	33	Clyde Pet	40		1.1	
30	8¼	Copley Res	9½			
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	2			
27½	17	Edn Oil & Gs	21			22.7
486	370	Enterprise	405	-4	4.9	
27	8	Fairhaven Intl	8		15.2	3.3
303	240	Fogas	340		6.7	9.9
8¼	4¼	Fortune	5½			35.1
77	54	Goal Pet	70	+1	2.6	23.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	38	+1		
177	129	Hardy O & G	129½		1.0	16.6
55	40	Kelt Energy	54		3.1	21.7
189	110½	Lasmo	159	-1	0.8	
73	43	Lasmo Units	45		21.8	
75	55	Monument	63½			67.6
7½	3½	New London	5½	+½		
2562½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2529½	+3½	1.3	16.0
9½	3½	Oceonics	4½			
50	36	Oil Search	42			
50¼	17½	Petroz	32	-½		
194	140	Pict Pet	194			
32½	21	Premier	23½			12.8
158	43	Presidio	43		15.5	
111	78	Pittencrieff Rs	78			
345	129	Ramco Egy	335	-3	0.2	
463	325	Ranger	390		5.2	
7700	6681¼	Royal Dtch Pl	7281¼	+6¼	4.5	18.5
4084½	3221¼	Schlumberger	3468¾	-6¼	2.2	
68	43	Scott Pickford	47		2.4	9.1
90	50	Seafield	85			
758	651	Shell	725	-1½	4.3	22.6
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3431¼	Total	3587½	-68¼	2.5	17.9
19	8½	Videos Gp	9	+½		
245	178½	Woodside	230	-1	1.7	
110	38	XCL	43			

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	78		8.9	8.2
131	86	Baltic Plc	130		4.9	8.2
165	72	Berry Bch Hbl	72		8.9	10.9
215	148	Bristc Inv	156			
154	108	Brewin Dolphin†	119	-3	6.3	
757	620	Caledonia	634		3.3	17.3
2650	1900	Camellia	2281½		1.8	6.1
22½	17½	Carlisle	18½		1.7	
630½	436	Cater Allen	446		7.9	9.2
174½	125	Cattles	246		4.4	16.6
85	33	Clarke	33			72.9
16	12	EFG	15		0.8	9.8
71½	45½	EFT Group	66½	+2½	3.3	14.0
740	513	EFM	726		4.1	21.8
212	158	Exco	185		5.7	5.1
229	157	Gartmore	176		2.8	20.3
575	395	Gerrard Nat	467		6.4	13.5
465	275	Govett	286	-22	6.5	4.7
1208	845	Henderson Ad	973	-4	5.8	13.5
251½	151	Invesco	169		2.8	37.7
50	37	Investment Co.	45		4.9	14.4
250	185	Ivory Sime	214		4.4	16.7
317	193½	Jardine Strat	247½	-5½	3.5	9.8
428	103	Johnson Fry	127		1.5	6.0
170	86	King Shaxson	87		11.6	9.8
245	133	Lon Forfaiting	139		8.4	8.7
124	95	Lon Scot Bk	118		4.3	
1243	794	M & G	982		3.8	17.2
323	218	MAI	342		4.0	13.1
117½	85½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	89½	-½		
807	538	MAM	758	+1	3.8	17.7
25½	8½	Nat Home Loan	11	+½		1.0
1268	970	Perpetual	1235		3.5	13.4
573	415	Provident	545		4.1	17.3
365	245	Rathbone Brs	273	-7	3.9	13.5
38	21½	Rutland Tst	25½		4.4	12.9
269	281½	S & U	292		4.7	9.5
425	155	Stanelak	156		7.2	5.8
188	106	SJP Capital	118		3.4	7.8
406	324	Smith New Crt	423	-4½	3.0	4.9
224	76	Tomy Law	77		7.3	6.8
65	23	Trio Hldgs▼	24		0.5	38.4
199	87	Unort	88		6.4	8.1
31	20	Western Selection	24		1.3	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Br Biotech	585			
488	298	Cantab Pharma	298			
270	191	Celltech	268	+5		
151	88	Chiroscience	119			
47	35	Cortecs	35			
157	103	Fisons	115	-1	2.9	
725	520	Glaxo	641	-11	5.0	15.5
185	95½	Grampian Hig	112	+2	6.1	20.7
187	130	Medeva	175	-1	2.1	14.1
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care†	235		2.4	
342	242	Scotia	341			
83	44	Shield Diag	52			
499	357½	SmithKline	481	-4½	3.2	18.8
474	322	SmithKline Uts	456	-9	3.4	17.8
1630½	698	Wellcome	1014	-11	2.9	22.6
934	672	Zeneca	862	-6	3.9	17.9

PRINTING & PAPER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	122	AG Holdings	126		5.5	11.9
444	335	APP	399		2.8	19.0
318	222	Arjo Wiggins	231½	-3½	3.5	34.9
205	145	Aspen Coms	166		3.8	18.9
472	347	Bemrose	363		4.3	13.0
524	387	Bowater	394	-1	4.1	14.8
1937½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1528¾	+12½		
297	242	Boxmore Intl	394	+1	1.8	17.3
515	435	Br Polythene	491		3.1	17.2
176	28	Br Thornton	28		20.1	2.5
197½	112	Brcton Grp	132	+8	2.4	19.4
186	139	Bund	169	+½	3.0	19.9
168	139	Capital Ind	139		4.0	18.9
2487½	1989½	Carnaud MB	2237½	+21½	2.2	17.9
439	274	Cropper (James)	274	-5	1.8	14.4
1044	825	De La Rue	1044	+5	2.5	18.0
174	64	Delyn Group	65		3.2	11.8
137	101	Dolphin Pack	101		5.6	13.0
101	75	Fanway Group	88		4.9	16.4
430	295	Ferguson Intl	306		5.2	12.3
145	103	Ferry Pick	108	-2	6.6	
230	150	Inveresk	158	+1	4.8	9.5
295	248	Jarvis Porter	291		2.3	19.0
438	364	Low & Bonar	385		3.3	15.4
69	44½	MY Holdings	52		3.8	12.4
271	223	Macfarlane	230	-1	2.2	18.5
250	140	Phyar	183		4.8	29.8
1089	513	Portals	1084	+1	1.9	22.4
412	314	St Ives Gp	332		2.4	18.3
1152½	464½	Sappi	868¾	+7½	0.5	
30½	7½	Sand	8			
351½	143	Saltsen	144	+1	9.5	
575	398	Smith David	519	-1	3.8	15.8
425½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	406	+3	5.4	27.8
119	62	Somic	99		3.5	10.6
45	18½	Unie Group	31			
270	182	Wace	229	-½	2.2	14.6
251	156	Waddington (J)	195	-1	5.5	9.5
511	351	Waterlow	358		2.3	23.4
149	58	Wyndham	137		2.6	17.5

PROPERTY

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	88	Allied Lon	88		5.5	11.3
276	253	Argent	282	+1		
50	62	Arlesson Eds	69			
144	105	Asda Prop	105		2.7	18.6
322½	233	Bilton	236		5.1	17.1
283	209	Birkby	210	-1	4.0	18.2
39½	5	Bolton Gp	10	-1		30.5
105	63	Boxmer End	63		1.5	
276	170	Bradford	195	-1	4.4	16.4
137	105	Brixtonstone	116		4.0	26.3
474	343	Br Land	367	+1	2.6	34.9
276	169	Brixton	185		5.5	16.4
116	81	Burford	90	+3	2.2	29.2
412	86	CLS Hldgs	100		6.1	
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	134		1.5	30.3
229	167	Cap Shop Ctrs	203		4.0	48.9
325	203	Cardiff Prop	213		1.5	
66	23½	Cathay	25			
185	152	Chesterfield	154		1.9	32.3
678	413	Chesterfield	445		3.5	20.0
112	78	Chesterton Int	80		5.2	11.3
84	35	City Site Est	35			9.4
12¼	5½	Clarke Nickolls	6		2.1	12.5
87½	50	Compco	59		10.9	4.0
56	25	Conrad Ritblat GS	25		3.3	29.2
1755	1180	Daejan	1183		3.1	12.9
15½	3	Dares Estates▲	4½			
17	4	De Morgan	5½			
156	73	Derwent Twent	74		5.9	11.7
169	158	Dencora	158		2.6	44.4
347½	231	Derwent Hldgs	240		2.5	30.7
41	16½	Development Sec	17½	+½	0.7	
51	45	Dwyert	49		2.1	21.3
53	25	Eleco	32			
460	275	Estates Agency	339		4.7	
47	18	Estates Gen	20½	-1		
132	97	Evans Of Leeds	106		3.1	17.7
43½	21½	Ex-Lands	22½		2.3	78.5
80	64	Fiscal Prop	66		1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	24½		2.6	10.3
72	26	Fletcher Kngt	38		7.2	12.9
51	38	Folkes Group	43		4.4	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	43		4.7	22.7
536	405	Frogmore	423		5.0	15.3
225	228	Gallagert	243		3.0	19.4
360	167½	Gt Portland	179	-1	3.7	30.8
226½	118	Greycoat	130½		0.6	
94	34½	Hambros Cntye	35		6.9	35.6
435	298	Hammerson	325	-1	3.8	32.6
390	298	Helical Bar	307		2.5	11.0
40¼	24½	Hemingway	25½	+½	2.0	43.9
78	19	Herring Baker	20		6.2	
75	31	High-Point	43	+12	2.9	
269	109	HK Land	130½	-2½	5.5	
311½	136½	Jermyn	160			
792	543	Land Sec	578	-3	5.2	16.6
367	323	London Indl	324		3.9	25.0
43½	36½	Lon & Assoc	37		2.2	25.0
16	6	Lon & Metro	8			9.3
122	86	Lon Merch Sec	90		5.8	14.9
562	353	MEPC	388	+2	6.4	22.7
13½	5½	McInerney A	6	+½		
190	140	McKay Secst	141		4.6	13.5
85	55	Merivale Mre	60		4.2	9.8
55	27	Mountfield Est	30		4.2	
1425	1025	Mountview	1075		2.6	8.3
195	140	Muckley (A&J)	141		5.6	18.7
2¼	½	ORB	½	+½		1.0
84	39	Olives Prop	28			10.5
191	135½	PSIT	137		4.4	18.3
399	218	Peel	240	+2	2.6	32.2
162	138	Pillar Prop	154	+1	3.0	
12½	1½	Power Corp	1½			
9¼	4½	Premier Land	5½			
77	56	RPS Group	70	-1	4.6	12.6
53	31	Raglan	31			7.5
40	23½	Regalian	25½			6.3
180	125	Rowlinson Secs	135		1.9	8.9
134	97	Rugby Est	100		2.8	
64	43	St Modwen Prp	45		3.3	11.2
78	59	Savills Ests (J)	63		5.7	14.7
100	46	Cavlist	47		6.0	7.6
108	64	Scot Met	75	+1	3.3	9.1
135	86	Shaftesbury	90		1.4	19.7
307	207½	Slough Estates	228	-2	4.4	48.8
103	42	Southend Propt	48	-1	6.4	
133	100	Specty Shops	108		2.8	
50	5	Stanhope Pps	8			
44	34	TBI	37½			1.7
244	163	Town Estst	187		1.7	42.5
130½	92½	Town Centre	97		3.9	18.0
107	81	Trafford Park	85		4.6	14.4
29½	15	Trenchwood	20			
58	28	UK Land	40			
317	197	Warner	197	-1	7.5	
260	218	Warnford	225		4.4	18.4
103½	62	Wates	65			
45	25	Whitney Mck	27			
105	46	Wood John Dr	46		5.4	10.0
38	15	YRM	18			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
70	58½	ASDA Group	65½	-½	3.5	15.0
315	222½	Argyll	275	+3	5.3	11.7
605	413	Brake Bros	461		1.9	16.6
43	23	Budgen	31		4.1	18.6
17	11½	Colens	13½			
137	65½	Dairy Farm Intl	74½	+3½	4.9	10.2
394	344	Fanmpst	349		2.5	18.1
60	37	Fitzwilton	43		10.5	
198	87	Fyffes	107	+1½	1.7	
371	165	Geest	174		5.8	
1080	853	Greggs	1053	-2	2.3	19.8
211	133	Iceland Group	156		3.2	9.6
656	523	Kwik Save	545	-3	4.4	9.8
18	9	Merchant Retail	11			
349	189	Morrison (W)	138		0.9	16.1
232	126	Nurdin Peack	150	+2	5.5	8.3
146	89½	Park Foodst	113		2.8	10.1
5¼	1¼	Regina Hlth	1½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	422		3.2	14.9
258	200½	Tesco	243	-2	4.0	12.4
198	149	Thorntons	147		4.3	12.0
422	279	Watson & Philipt	351		5.3	13.5

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	35	Alexon	27½			
248	189	Allders	389			
410	307	Argos Plc	354	-½	2.9	18.6
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	76	+1	0.2	
357	125	Asprey	127		8.0	10.6
248	176	Austin Reed	217		3.2	10.9
188	132	Beattie (J) 'A'	132		5.9	17.3
150	110	Bentalls	115½		2.2	40.0
105	35	Bellerware	43		8.1	4.6
48	29	Blacks Leis	32		8.8	
294	167	Body Shop	185	+6	1.5	18.3
801	458½	Boots	485	-3	4.0	15.5
12½	1½	Brown & Jackson	1¼			
263	205	Brown (N)	222		2.4	19.8
74½	51	Burton	71¾	+½	3.5	35.4
246	138	Carlots	134		3.8	19.0
304	220	Carpetright	282		3.9	18.6
306	152	Charlies	154		1.6	27.2
480	388	Church	480		3.4	24.4
171	83	Clinton Cards	84		7.0	12.2
170	81	C'ty Cards	95		5.7	27.2
903	720	Courts Furnish	788		1.0	40.8
210	155	Crowe	195		6.4	8.1
353	238	DFS Furniture	239	-1	3.8	18.0
287	170	Dixons Grp	213	-1	3.9	22.6
580	530	Etys (Wimbldn)	580		3.8	27.2
11½	7½	EBA Gp	9		4.6	14.7
284	117	Essex Furn	118		5.2	10.2
326	170	Etam	184		5.3	11.6
558	320	Fine Art Dev	343	-2		
68	48	Firest Earth	62			
106	71	Flying Flowers	101	+5	1.3	19.5
270	124	French Conn	272			
264	195	Frost Group	238	+4	2.9	23.2
86	49	Gieves	55		3.4	19.6
138	85	Goldsmiths Gp	128		1.3	29.0
653	483	GUS	531	-3	3.2	15.3
196	164	Hamleys	190		3.1	18.3
36	21	Hampton Grp	33		3.8	
227	157	Hse of Fraser	158		4.0	14.2
55	20½	Hughes (TJ)	30		4.8	13.1
259	228	JJB Sports	251		3.0	15.3
778	379	Kingfisher	435	-3	4.4	11.2
276	100	Kleenezet	104		1.8	29.6
435	355	Liberty	380		4.3	
380	277	Lloyds Chem	289	-2	4.1	9.4
184	115½	MFI	117	-1	4.5	14.6
480½	368½	Marks Spencer	396½	-2½	3.0	17.6
680	498	Menzies (John)	511		3.0	12.0
337	236	Moss Bros	350		3.0	12.8
275	214	Next	253	+3½	3.2	16.1
58	20	OEM	31			
97	38	Oliver (G)	94			29.1
113	73	Partridge Fine	91		4.6	
37	8½	Pentos	8½	-½		
268	135	QS Hldgs	138		4.7	15.1
62	14	Rhino Grp	14		4.5	13.3
209	120	Rosebys	120		4.9	14.0
132	98	Sears	104½	+½	4.5	17.1
46	16½	Signet Group	20½			7.0
549	425	Smith WHT	428	-3	4.5	22.5
1360	688	Sotheby's	726		3.9	31.1
252	189	Storehouse	234½	+1	3.0	19.2
206	151½	Stylo	185		1.8	12.5
198	146	T & S Stores	159	-1	4.9	11.3
173	101	Tie Rack	101		2.2	12.0
63½	3½	Upton & South	3¾			
539	394	Vendome	463	-1	2.1	35.6
70	28	WEW Group	29	-1	3.0	24.5
93½	52	Wild of Leather	60		1.6	
195	138	Wyevale	155		3.7	16.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
693	507	Allied Domecq†	517		5.5	14.0
488	358	Bulmer (HP)†	394		3.5	21.5
150	105	Burn Stewart	118		5.4	25.6
606	352	Grand Met	384	-1½	4.5	17.3
542	409½	Guinness	433	-2	3.8	14.3
457	353	Highland Dist	394	+1	2.3	18.0
222	127	Macallan-Glen	207		0.7	54.2
710	365	Marstn Mrin 'A'	680		1.8	29.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	542	-1	4.3	24.9
250	61	Merrydown W	65	+2	3.6	
190	142	Taunton Cider	146½		5.8	11.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	73	ADT Group	107	+30½	6.1	11.3
743	583	ADT	658			30.5
48	34	Alphameric	40			8.0
140	43	Astec Sec	62	-12		
162	98	BET Ord	108	-4½	4.0	15.4
195	113	BMB Res	161		3.9	18.6
250	175	BPP	225		4.9	16.1
186	130	BSM	165		4.9	14.0
3¼		Black & Edg	3			
1108	509	Boxland	575	+12½		
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	188	+8	3.4	14.0
79	57	Brooks Service	65		3.4	
117½	76	CRI Gp	76	-1	5.6	19.5
238	159	Capita Group	157		2.2	20.0
423	277½	Chubb Sect	315	+7	2.6	18.5
243	105	Compt People	228	-1	1.4	51.9
68	41	Corp Services	66		0.5	24.8
97	48	Coutts Cnstg	51		1.0	
276	212	Davis Service	228	-1	4.5	15.7
33	68	Dudley Jenkins	71		5.9	13.5
154	79	EW Fact	80		7.1	6.0
199½	126	El Data Pro	138		1.8	13.4
394	261	Hays	298	+1	2.6	20.5
289	179	Hogg Robinson	170	-1	5.4	10.9
39	18	Holmes Protecto	27			1.6
15	8	Inf Cm & Data	12			6.1
2686½	1556¼	ISS B Dkr	1978½	-3½	5.4	2.1
166	128	JBA Hldgs	167		1.8	17.0
414	227	Johnson Cleans	235		5.7	9.5
145	99	Kalamazoo	110		3.9	12.4
288	221	Kewill Syst	262		3.6	9.5
35	17	Lese-Scan	19			
143½	68	LIMG	80			
8	4	Lep	4½			
326	266	Lookers	318	-1	2.0	22.4
264	69½	MBS	73	+2	10.4	5.2
208	143	MMT Comp	196		3.3	15.5
216	102	MR Data Magt	118		5.9	17.3
723	408	Macro 4	498		6.1	11.5
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1734½	+21½	0.2	
1320	783	Micro Focus	783			9.5
178	101	Microgen	107		8.5	
548½	360	Misys	360	-49	3.0	11.3
205	141½	MITIE Grp	203		1.6	20.6
35	22	Novo Group	26		1.0	10.9
82	22	OIS Intl	24		9.9	4.5
31	19	Orbis	21	-1	3.3	
85	60	P & P	83	-1	4.0	
123	65	Michael Page	123		2.3	30.2
143	90	Parity	115		2.4	35.8
235	150	Pegasus	152		4.1	15.3
115	82	Pemas	95		5.3	
89¾	68¾	Prudaleot	65		6.7	11.1
415	275	RCO	275		7.6	9.6
46	27	Radius	34		1.3	
183	73	Real Time	172		2.9	13.1
177	104	Reed Executive	143		0.9	
183	105	Reliance Sect	146	+1	4.3	22.2
279	198½	Rentokil	234	+1½	1.6	24.1
194	135	Ricardo Group	138		5.4	16.9
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	184		2.7	23.3
692	507	Sage Grp	692		2.0	15.1
392	243	Salvesen (C)	262	-2	3.9	13.5
94	76	Sanderson Elec	84		4.2	12.2
17½	9	Select App	13			
439	310	Serco Gp	395½		1.1	23.8
307	243	Serco Gp	278		1.6	25.3
171	138	Servisair	171	+1	2.8	27.7
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	93	-3		
130	90	Sketchley	91		4.4	15.3
254	167	Sml-Plus	170		6.7	16.1
146	108	Unifoam	123			
31	12½	Vallec	14½		3.4	7.9
65	37	WSP Hldgs	48		5.5	25.2
338	260	Wamer Howrd	362		3.7	12.1

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	389½	-5	5.5	16.1
543	350½	Cable Wireless†	389	-8	2.7	15.9
206	108	Fultronic Com	197	+3	0.5	40.8
1543	1146	Securicor	1485	+2½	0.3	33.8
1069	785	Securicor 'A'†	919	+3½	0.5	21.9
892	686	Security Servt	754	+4½	1.1	21.0
188	167	Telewest	181	-3		
221	157½	Vodafone	189½	-4	2.0	24.4

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	75	Albiont	76		5.3	4.1
230	116	Alexdra Wl	125	+3	5.8	13.3
617	473	Allied Text	473	-1½	3.6	
169	74	Atkins	75		13.5	23.9
45	31	Automagic	31	-1		7.8
270	200	Baird (Wm)	220	+2	5.1	18.8
71	35	Beckman (A)	46		9.7	22.5
280	226	Black (Peter)	240		2.4	13.9
121	74	Bridport-Gndry	115		3.3	15.7
226	171	Br Mohair	183	-1	5.8	18.6
74	30	Campari	45			
104	72	Cawdry Brost	72		4.8	9.2
193	163	Claude Phipps	178		5.1	23.4
385	292	Claremont Gr	305		3.1	16.9
287	169	Coats Viyella	182	-1	5.7	15.8
593	417	Courtauld Text	428	-3	4.2	19.2
159½	114	Dawson	119		3.2	
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	185		1.6	19.0
52	32	Dixie Hmf	38		4.6	11.1
42	25	Drummond	29	-1		13.0
26	14	Ellis	18			
80	63	Foxpott	64		9.6	10.4
333	280	FII	333	+5	5.8	24.8
155	136	Fortminster†	147½		2.8	12.4
29	14	Foster (John)	20			
136	91	French (Tomkss)	91		5.0	
93	48	Gent SR	87	-2	3.2	19.4
113	73	Haggar	100		3.8	14.7
70½	11	Hamstone	14		2.9	
33	21½	Helene Plc	23		10.9	9.5
263	222	Hiding Phecst	238		2.6	16.9
31	22	Hokis	25	+½	3.0	
91	63	Hoorevindle	67		5.6	3.4
90	48	Horace Small	83		1.5	
211	173	Jacques Verl	208		3.2	8.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	56		1.7	7.4
388	288	Jones Stroud	334		3.4	16.1
202½	125	Lambert	137		6.3	12.9
485	327	Lamont	331		4.8	11.0
340	247	Leeds	252		3.1	13.1
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	68		7.4	14.3
101	68	Lyles (S)	83		5.3	8.7
27	18½	Marling	25½		3.2	
17	10	PEX	10			
266	154	Parkland	156		4.0	9.3
123	84	Pentland	109		3.3	21.6
75	53	Pittards	69		3.2	
112	59	Readicut	65		6.6	10.9
90	64	Rexmore	65		5.4	6.9
96	38	Richards	45		5.2	
70	42	SEET	58			
180	77	Sherwood Gp	78		4.9	9.1
180	137½	Shiloh	138	-1	3.7	8.5
146	98	Sirdar	100		6.8	14.5
64	50	Stirling Gp	51		4.8	14.1
26	17	Strong & Fisher	17		7.4	11.6
69	35	UK Safety	35		9.3	8.6
132	105	Umer (Frank)	120		7.3	9.1
85	54	Vissi	56		2.4	16.9
141	42	Wersam	140	+8	2.6	20.4
289	239	Yorkyde	256		3.0	11.7

TRANSPORT

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
83	58	Air London	65		6.7	12.4
777½	619½	All Nippon Air	674½	+1½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	277	+1	2.2	22.1
541½	440	BAA	457	-3	2.6	17.5
138	103½	Bodgerline	137		3.7	
496½	344	Br Airways	386	+2½	3.7	9.6
79	27	Central Tran R	32	-2		
108	75	Clarkson (H)	101		2.3	25.4
170	140	Dart	153		3.2	14.7
592½	195	Eastbound Uls	292	-6		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	465		2.1	21.7
253	156	GRT Bust	252		1.9	19.5
172	113	Go-Ahead	169		3.0	30.9
221	125	Goode Durrant	211	-1	3.7	16.6
156	139½	Ind Sthns	137		4.3	9.7
71	38	Jacobs (JI)	56		3.7	
111	70	Lon O'Seas Frts	76	-1	6.3	1.8
534	358	Mersey Docks	389		3.0	18.8
291	149	NFC	169	-1	5.3	17.3
347	245	Nat Express	319		3.0	19.4
348	244	Ocean Group	287	-3	6.2	14.5
91	56	Ocean Wilson	70		5.7	10.1
743	557½	P & O Dfd	600	-1	6.4	18.6
209	153	P & O 5.5%	160	-3	4.1	
102	84	Seacon	92		3.3	46.8
255	158	Stagecoach	230		2.3	22.8
131	83	TNT	86	+2		
915	613	Tibbett & Britt	613	-40	3.0	15.7
327	191	TDG	198	-1	6.0	13.3
136	98	Ugland	115		2.6	
160	75	Utd Carriers	95		2.1	

WATER

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	478	-8	6.1	10.8
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	332	+1	4.4	11.2
611	454	North West	515	-4	5.8	7.4
751	508	Northumbrian	708	-5	4.5	7.6
645	457	Severn Trent	506	-8	5.8	8.4
1905	1525	South Staffs	1905	+5	3.6	11.5
675	458	Sthn Water	482	-2	6.7	7.3
682	486	Southern	545	-2	5.5	7.9
611	434½	Thames	479	-3	6.1	7.2
744	546	Welsh	598	-3	5.5	6.6
379½	281	Wessex	275	-5	5.7	7.2
630	458	Yorkshire	504	-3	5.8	7.4

Source: Finstat

£ USM. # Price at suspension. † Ex dividend. ‡ Ex scrip. ▲ Ex rights issue. ▼ Ex all. § Ex capital distribution. * Figures or report awaited. ·· No significant data. Companies in bold are constituents of the FTSE 100 index.

BRITISH FUNDS

1994/95 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
103¾	97¼	Gas 3% 1990-95	99⅞		3.02	8.35
107	101	Exch 10¼% 1995	101		10.10	6.79
113	104	Treas 12¾% 1995	104		12.24	6.98
117	106	Treas 14% 1996	106		13.20	7.21
121	108	Treas 15¼% 1996	108		14.01	7.55
117	106	Exch 13¼% 1996	106		12.44	7.71
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	103		9.69	7.87
100	95	Treas 7% 1997	97		7.20	8.27
121	105	Treas 13¼% 1997	109		12.14	8.05
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	104		10.07	8.15
119	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	100		8.68	8.40
131	115	Exch 15% 1997	115		13.09	8.47
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	102		9.47	8.59
105	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	96		7.51	8.57
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	94		7.11	8.59
131	114	Treas 14% 1998-01	114		12.19	8.68
140	121	Treas 15½% 1998	121		12.81	8.81
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	110		10.87	8.70
118	100	Treas 9½% 1999	102		9.25	8.57
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	111		10.94	8.75
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	106		9.88	8.71
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90		6.64	8.85
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	105		9.89	8.74
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	101		8.88	8.67
98	86	Treas 8% 2000	97		8.23	8.80
130	116	Treas 13% 2000	117		11.03	8.78
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	105		9.48	8.82
106	89	Treas 7% 2001	91		7.67	8.74
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	104		9.30	8.85
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	95		8.37	8.78
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	106		9.36	8.84
139	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	111		10.29	8.95
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73		4.75	7.45
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	104		9.11	8.81
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	87		7.74	8.71
108	97	Treas 8½% 2005	98		8.63	8.69
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104		9.08	8.79
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	120		10.47	8.84
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	93		8.32	8.69
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	94		8.46	8.75
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	114		10.22	8.86
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	98		8.63	8.69
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127		10.62	9.05
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	102		8.78	8.87
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	94		8.47	8.65
LONGS (over 15 years)						
98	77	Treas 6¼% 2010	80		7.79	8.55
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.73	8.63
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	103		8.71	8.62
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	73		7.47	8.38
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	94		8.45	8.57
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92		8.42	8.67
128	99	Treas 8½% 2017	102	-1	8.58	8.54
158	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	139	-1½		8.78
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41		8.52	
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.80	
INDEX-LINKED						
204	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	203		2.34	3.86
193	180	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	187		2.2	3.75
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167		3.48	3.88
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163		3.56	3.89
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.60	3.91
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	169		3.68	3.90
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153		3.70	3.91
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158		3.72	3.91
146	128	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130		3.75	3.91
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138		3.76	3.92
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132		3.79	3.93
129	109	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110		3.79	3.91
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109		3.81	3.94

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01865 259 783				
Grofund I	181.20	170.60	-0.50	0.27
Grofund Equity	228.90	243.60	-0.80	2.02
Grofund Euro	196.60	208.10	-1.00	0.47
Grofund Eqty Bal	109.30	113.30		4.04
Grofund Gilt	72.56	74.88	-0.43	5.68
Grofund Japan	159.50	168.80	-0.20	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	517.50	550.60	-2.90	2.89
General Inc	456.30	485.50	-2.60	2.89
UK Growth Acc	349.20	371.50	-1.80	2.96
UK Growth Inc	238.90	254.20	-1.30	2.96
Higher Inc Acc	856.50	898.50	-3.20	4.10
Higher Inc Inc	379.40	403.70	-1.90	4.10
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	182.30	192.50	-1.60	6.01
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.62	93.81	-0.73	6.01
Nth America	267.20	284.30	-0.90	
Far East	326.80	346.60	-0.60	0.32
Europe	266.40	283.50	-1.20	0.90
Brit Excell	69.76	73.68	-0.30	3.16
Brit Frndmtls Acc	99.88	105.20	-0.50	4.87
Brit Frndmtls Inc	72.53	77.16	-0.33	4.87
Global Opps	81.39	86.59	-0.13	0.30
Balanced Acc	52.42	55.77†	-0.27	3.12
Balanced Inc	51.15	54.42†	-0.25	3.12
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.50	134.30	-0.70	7.94
High Inc Equity	155.30	166.10†	-0.38	4.74
Worldwide Bond	259.40	275.20†	-1.30	5.52
Capital Growth				
American Growth	279.00	299.10†	-0.10	.80
Asian Pacific	298.70	317.80	-0.30	
Assets & Earnings	250.00	266.00	+0.80	2.93
Commdy & Energy	97.20	103.40		
Euro Capital Inc	130.80	139.90	-0.60	.69
(Accum Units)	139.70	149.40	-0.70	.69
General	219.90	233.90†	+1.20	2.33
Japan	115.60	123.60	-0.10	
Mastertrust	134.40	143.70	-0.30	1.73
UK Growth Dist	113.70	121.60		2.84
US Emerging Cos	136.00	144.40	+1.40	
Income & Growth	369.90	392.90	-0.60	3.18
Ethical	64.83	68.97	-0.03	2.97
International	109.10	116.10	-0.40	1.10
Dividend & Growth	57.84	61.53†	-0.01	4.57
Global Gwth & Sec	66.36	70.78	+0.09	2.97
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.04	£16.71	..	
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Emg Growth	43.83	45.52	-0.03	0.68
Cash	50.41	50.41		4.46
Emerging Mkts	66.81	70.59	-0.15	0.05
European	108.90	113.80†	-0.20	
Exempt	931.20	£10.03†	-2.10	1.85
Extra Income #	46.91	49.35	-0.02	6.11
Far East Emg Eco	107.70	114.20	+0.20	0.55
Fixed Interest #	22.57	23.69	-0.04	8.73
Fund Inv Tst	165.60	174.30	+0.10	0.96
Japan	167.00	174.80	+0.20	
Latin American	50.07	52.48	-0.08	0.93
Pacific	68.40	71.95	+0.20	0.37
Property Share	60.10	63.09†	+0.13	2.16
UK Emerging Cos	60.12	63.11†	+0.03	1.96
UK Growth	42.54	45.07	-0.16	2.80
Abtr World Port #	69.52	70.63	-0.23	2.32
Ethical	59.98	62.96	-0.07	2.79
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	49.05	49.05	-0.10	7.65
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	66.89	71.26†	-0.10	2.72
British Income	77.59	82.54†	-0.10	3.44
Select Portfolio	81.94	87.17†	+0.11	
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.52	75.88	-0.05	2.52
Income Builder Inc	65.23	69.39	-0.26	3.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	218.90	234.00	-1.90	3.33
Capital	383.58	409.90	-2.90	2.02
Balanced	641.00	685.20†	-4.90	2.90
Accumulator	£11.92	£12.74	-8.00	3.18
Income Trusts				
American Income	46.90	50.13†	+0.02	3.55
High Income	372.70	398.40	-3.50	3.88
Equity Income	210.50	225.00†	-1.60	3.70
High Yield	225.80	241.30	-1.70	3.60
Govt Securities	32.36	34.17†	-0.25	6.20
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	142.80	152.60		0.46
European Growth	33.31	35.52	-0.10	0.01
International	151.20	161.60†	-0.30	0.30
Japan	191.93	203.90†	+0.30	0.01
Pacific	359.30	384.00†	-0.10	0.01
Secs of America	415.10	441.60†	+0.30	0.52
Worldw Asset Val	45.61	48.75	-0.07	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	490.80	524.80†	-3.80	2.43
Conv & Gilt	41.04	43.87†	-0.07	5.29
Smaller Cos	159.10	170.00†	-0.10	1.31
2nd Smaller Cos	151.70	162.10	-1.10	1.50
Recovery	128.20	137.00	-0.20	1.91
Met Mls & Cdty	139.40	148.00	-0.60	0.80
Overs Earnings	329.70	352.40†	-1.80	1.91
Technology	157.80	168.70	+0.40	0.01
UK Special Sits	424.50	453.70	-1.80	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Crescat Dist Pens	89.45	97.09	-1.40	3.04
Fowndn Perst Pens	58.51	60.78	-0.97	2.28
BGI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 [illegible]				
Capital	67.81	72.14†	-0.20	1.94
International	61.67	65.61†	...	
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	274.20	285.30	+0.41	...
Bond	108.90	114.70†	-0.80	7.25
Brit Smlr Cos	93.18	99.13†	+0.09	1.90
Cons & Gen #	62.70	65.70†	-0.01	3.59
Europe	213.70	227.60	-0.90	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	96.44	103.00	-0.20	0.67
Income Gwth	331.40	352.50	-1.40	4.59
Japan	288.10	305.70	+0.90	...
Latin American	64.34	68.75	-0.55	..
Pacific	97.76	104.00	-0.10	0.77
UK Smllr Cos	49.90	53.09†	+0.15	1.44
Japan Fd	658.00	677.80†	+1.10	..
Mngd Fd	165.30	175.90	-1.10	2.99
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Opps	271.20	285.50		1.39
Capital Gwth	107.68	113.30		2.37
Wrldw Opps	171.70	180.70		0.44
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bkts Inv Fd Inc	327.70	341.40	-1.50	3.04
European Bd Inc	87.29	90.40†	-0.10	7.90
Exempt	70.74	75.46	-0.07	4.38
Financial	89.94	74.68	-0.09	2.90
500.0	421.69	451.20	+0.40	2.62
General	261.70	279.90	-0.70	2.78
Property	247.30	264.50		6.29
Trustee	171.30	183.20†	-0.50	2.55
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†	+0.10	5.61
Extra Income	113.10	120.90	-0.20	4.23
Gilt & Fxd Int	58.24	58.13	-0.25	8.07
Income	494.20	528.50†	-0.10	4.26
Income Builder	61.60	64.89	+0.04	4.86
Intl Income	59.45	63.24†	-0.14	3.78
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.40	118.80†	-0.60	2.65
Leisure	115.50	123.60		1.69
Recovery	391.60	418.80	+0.10	2.89
Smllr Cos Inc	41.89	44.92	-0.03	2.05
Special Sits	267.20	285.70	+0.20	1.68
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	122.40	129.80	-0.60	0.72
Aust Acc	224.00	239.30	-0.60	2.28
Aust Inc	138.40	147.20	-0.40	2.29
Euro Gwth Inc	145.00	154.50	-0.80	0.75
(Accum Units)	155.00	165.30	-0.90	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	163.00	172.50	-0.20	..
(Accum Units)	164.80	174.50	-0.20	..
Japan Spec Sits	74.41	78.82	-0.03	..
Unty Tech Inc	75.74	80.49	-0.05	0.05
Worldwide	159.30	169.00†	-0.50	0.87
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 214 1004				
American Growth	91.06	96.80	-0.98	..
Amer Smlr Cos	129.60	138.80	-0.10	..
Convertibles	53.48	57.19	-0.67	5.70
Exempt	248.80	268.70	-1.80	0.10
Eq. Accum	84.17	89.54†	-0.41	4.90
European Growth	288.30	305.80	-1.20	0.80
Europe	211.70	225.20	+0.30	0.20
German Growth	73.51	77.98	+0.21	0.50
Global Bond	60.65	63.92†	-0.09	8.29
Global Growth	118.50	126.20	-0.60	...
Japan Growth	192.40	205.10	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr	162.40	173.0		...
Korea Trust	74.48	82.55	-0.19	...
Portfolio	123.80	132.68	-0.40	1.80
(Accum Units)	225.80	241.80	-0.80	1.80
UK Growth	79.90	84.99	-0.45	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	81.06	86.60	-0.20	1.80
Select Managers	70.83	75.91	-0.11	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	70.78	75.30†	...	
Special Opps Inc	50.59	53.82†	...	
For Brewin Dolphin see GEM Dolphin				
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6000				
Balanced Growth	102.12	109.07	+1.46	1.97
(Accum Units)	114.60	121.48	-1.64	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.71	101.38	-0.06	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.47	44.94†	-0.12	4.78
American Gth Inc	70.62	74.73†	+0.15	..
European Growth	132.91	140.85	-0.56	..
(Accum Units)	135.53	143.42	-0.57	..
Global Bond Inc #	26.15	27.10	-0.09	7.83
Mngd Ptflo Inc	39.86	42.17	-0.17	1.72
(Accum Units)	40.43	42.77	-0.17	1.72
Int Spec Opps	107.45	113.78	-0.02	..
Pacific Grth	115.78	122.50	-0.28	..
Formerly LAS				
UK General #	70.74	74.86†	-1.27	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.44	76.66	-1.30	3.73
Japan	57.20	60.53†	-0.28	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	59.89	65.91	-0.56	7.49
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	64.89	65.73	-0.11	6.23
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ	147.30	156.80	-0.38	1.76
UK Growth	158.50	168.70†	-0.88	2.46
UK Income	127.40	136.60	-0.40	4.53
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	177.90	188.60†	-1.00	2.10
-do- Income Dist	105.70	112.10	-0.30	4.46
(Accum Units)	318.10	338.30	-0.80	4.46
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.29	40.59†	-0.36	6.70
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0181 236 5685 Enq 0181 235 5685 Dlg 0181 236 5362				
American & Gen	149.20	158.60	-0.80	...
European Inc	75.64	80.66	-0.41	0.60
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.43	81.31	+0.03	2.08
Growth	400.90	425.90	-1.50	2.59
Income & Growth	382.50	407.00†	-1.10	4.15
(Accum Units)	545.70	580.60	-1.80	4.15
Japan & Gen	67.22	71.34	-0.14	..
Mixed Portfolio	£97.16	£100.86†	-40.00	2.08
(Accum Units)	£115.91	£120.32	-40.00	2.08
Special Sits	89.49	95.27†	-1.03	2.60
High Yield	£12.49	£12.88	-4.00	4.59
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.15	84.41†	-0.25	2.59
American Portfolio	89.15	94.90	+0.08	1.22
European Portfolio	94.91	100.53	-0.27	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	60.47	64.20†	-0.07	..
Pacific Portfolio	129.21	138.94	-0.80	0.84
UK Inc & Growth	72.81	77.93	-0.25	3.40
Utility & Bond	53.87	54.45	-0.39	7.63

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	627.75	633.45	..	4.88
Fxd Int Sec	147.85	148.20		9.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 9000				
UK General Tst	60.29	64.12†	-0.32	3.10
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	618.67	626.52		4.96
Accum	£26.31	£26.50		
Fixed Int Inc	120.20	120.42		9.63
Fixed Int Acc	187.69	187.95		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 837 7867				
Intl Growth	113.21	120.87		
UK Income	101.96	108.40		5.54
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	75.69	80.25	...	1.51
Beck Bio-Tech	25.87	29.80		
Acorn Ethical Ts	145.90	153.58		0.73
City Fin Assets	65.66	69.85	+2.08	1.30
City Fin America	85.65	90.16		
City Fin Intl	71.75	75.53		0.98
City Fin Japan	151.19	159.15†		
Friars Hse Cap	261.10	281.93†	+4.77	1.75
Friars Hse Inc	186.26	198.15	+2.81	4.17
Barkley Wrld Gth	117.87	124.54	..	0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	129.74	138.02		
Fairmount Intl	142.79	151.90		
City Fin Ptflo Inc	51.51	54.86		4.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	52.04	55.21	-0.23	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	55.65	59.52		
Atlas Mngd Gwth	34.54	36.94	-0.08	0.47
Dragon Growth	63.34	67.74	-0.29	0.42
Equity High Inc	78.81	85.84	-0.38	4.15
(Accum Units)	105.98	112.74	-0.38	4.15
European Gwth	49.35	52.50	-0.18	0.89
Evergreen	27.45	29.36	-0.11	
General Equity	79.68	84.54	-0.30	2.74
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.78	25.00†	-0.20	8.48
Japan Growth	48.22	51.57	+0.07	
Pedigree Gwth	47.85	50.90	-0.17	2.76
Pred Sm Cos Inc	28.64	30.47	-0.03	1.36
(Accum Units)	29.76	31.66	-0.02	1.36
Retirement Inc #	24.67	26.24	-0.05	6.19
Special Sits	35.80	38.09	-0.05	2.06
UK & Overseas	45.56	48.47	-0.13	1.52
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 898 000				
Capital	63.72	68.14†	-0.34	2.33
Income	57.31	61.29†	-0.30	4.31
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	150.68	160.30	-0.21	5.59
Fixed & Convertible	39.04	41.53†	+0.03	7.40
Monthly Inc Plus	47.33	50.35	-0.12	8.98
Preference Share	46.18	49.13†	-0.01	7.52
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.23	124.71†	-0.34	7.47
Managed Fund	64.58	68.70	-0.17	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.43	38.76	+0.05	1.75
(Accum Units)	41.67	44.33	+0.04	1.75
UK & General	74.87	79.80	-0.23	2.81
(Accum Units)	92.70	98.62	-0.29	2.81
UK Growth	132.40	140.85	-0.41	2.42
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.72	197.57	-1.05	0.25
Far Eastern Gwth	120.09	127.76	-0.57	
Global Bond	75.90	80.65	-0.36	6.29
Japan Growth	111.40	118.51	-0.32	..
North Amer Gwth	162.43	172.80	-0.06	..
Oriental Growth	71.28	75.81	-0.36	..
Worldwide Growth	62.29	66.17	-0.13	0.09
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.87	92.87	+0.03	5.81
Homeowner Fund	73.82	78.53†	-0.27	1.92
Quilter Fund	120.06	127.74†	-0.81	3.07
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 01438 744 640				
Growth Inc	54.87	58.37†	-0.18	3.20
(Accum Units)	59.41	63.20	-0.20	3.20
High Income	32.19	34.24	-0.14	4.80
Japan	33.45	35.58	-0.03	
Smaller Cos Inc	28.47	30.28	-0.03	2.70
Smaller Cos	30.15	32.07	-0.03	2.70
North American	32.02	34.06	+0.02	0.70
European	36.21	38.52	-0.11	0.70
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.30	31.46†		3.53
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	133.20	141.80		2.12
Income	65.64	69.84†	-0.46	5.29
European	58.94	62.71	-0.29	1.10
Recovery	147.30	156.80	+0.30	1.93
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 288 9494				
Equity Dist	755.90	768.40	..	3.79
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.27	73.69	+0.02	1.34
Income #	225.50	239.80	-0.60	4.86
(Accum Units) #	556.20	590.60	-1.40	4.86
Smaller Cos	148.10	157.50†	+0.10	0.62
(Accum Units)	181.00	192.50†	+0.10	0.62
Inv Portfolio	74.78	79.53	-0.12	1.51
High Inc Port #	65.23	69.39	-0.17	5.00
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.88	...	
Japan Small Cos	£11.69	£12.12	...	
UK Small Cos	£16.69	£17.58†	...	
US Small Cos	£15.76	£16.26	...	
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	191.90	202.00	...	3.07
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Gwth	267.00	282.40	-1.30	0.99
New Asia	195.90	208.70	-1.00	0.16
Japan Growth	112.80	120.30	-0.10	..
Jap Smllr Co	461.90	491.00	-2.00	..
Nth Amer	256.50	271.90	-0.90	0.87
Stkld Asia Pac Mt	111.00	117.40	-0.30	0.38
UK Inc & Gth	200.50	213.80	-0.60	3.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.80	141.30	+0.10	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.80	150.80	-0.10	4.78
(Accum Units)	181.50	193.10	-0.10	4.78
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.78	59.21	-0.37	5.29
Emerging Opps	79.16	84.21	-0.01	1.11
UK Smr Cos Acc	47.00	50.00	..	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 098 528				
American	119.70	127.10	-0.50	1.38
Convertibles #	19.82	21.06	+0.01	6.65
Equity Income #	118.90	126.30	-0.60	4.20
EuroFund	43.75	46.41	-0.20	0.43
Financial	41.42	44.01	-0.26	1.70
Growth & Inc #	220.10	233.90†	-1.20	3.29
High Dist #	145.90	155.00	-0.80	4.84
International	358.50	380.90	-2.10	0.13
Intl Cap Inc	88.42	94.39†	-0.77	2.91
Latin American	27.38	29.09	-0.51	..
Pacific	74.50	79.16	-0.43	..
Preference Share	21.87	24.24†	-0.17	7.10
Tokyo	208.50	221.50	+0.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	211.49	224.60	..	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ekon Trust	201.20	214.74	+5.28	1.01
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.00	200.00	...	1.01
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	76.86	80.91	-0.26	1.84
Ethical Tst	41.52	43.71†	-0.05	1.35
Far Eastern	278.60	293.26	+0.32	2.85
High Income	124.34	130.88	-1.05	4.87
Intl Growth	112.56	118.48	-0.24	1.37
North American	107.40	113.05	+0.31	1.34
Pelican	118.11	115.91	-0.83	3.32
Smaller Cos	63.95	67.32	-0.05	2.81
Special Sits	83.02	87.38	-0.07	2.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	171.53	180.56†	-0.57	1.60
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	190.88	198.62	+0.01	1.48
Smaller Cos Acc	333.64	347.54	+0.01	1.48
Recovery	48.35	50.36	+0.02	1.41
Recovery Acc	48.86	50.90	+0.02	1.41
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	107.32	114.17	-0.52	8.09
Capital Growth	76.28	81.80	-0.20	..
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.87	44.68†	-0.12	0.65
High Income #	40.81	43.74†	-0.04	10.52
[illegible]	49.85	54.19	..	
Zero Preference	36.70	38.94	+0.02	..
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.81	78.52†	+0.260	2.64
Family Income Tst	45.35	45.55†	+0.040	6.31
Family Trust	79.78	84.87†	+2.090	1.52
United Charities	248.20	264.00	+0.300	3.95
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.90
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.36	26.46†	-0.11	7.78
Intl Bond	27.18	28.21	-0.09	5.36
Income Funds				
High Income	23.66	24.90†	-0.10	5.22
Income Plus	105.00	111.70		4.25
Amer Eq Inc	45.86	48.38†	-0.17	2.09
European Income	40.53	43.10†	-0.19	1.77
Far East Inc	58.94	62.69	-0.08	2.06
Global Convertible	21.57	23.01	-0.08	3.74
UK Div Grth	23.22	24.69	-0.07	1.88
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	58.85	62.56	-0.22	
American	234.10	247.80	-0.20	..
Amer Spec Sits	111.30	118.88	+0.10	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.35	38.78	-0.09	..
European	152.90	173.30	-0.30	..
European Opps	60.68	64.52	+0.38	..
Global Priv	23.81	25.12	-0.09	1.82
UK Growth	85.62	91.04	+0.84	..
Growth & Inc	133.19	141.68	-0.40	2.41
Intl PEP	34.73	36.93	-0.09	..
Japan Spec Sits	87.51	93.19†	-0.54	..
Japan	178.70	190.30	-0.30	..
Managed Intl	258.60	275.58	-0.50	..
Moneybuilder	50.09	53.28	+0.02	
Recovery	45.05	47.91	+0.04	
South E Asia	137.00	146.20	-0.70	
Special Sits	486.30	519.20	+1.60	
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.16	106.16	+0.04	5.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	128.30	131.20	...	1.62
Inc Ptflo #	81.74	83.24	-0.16	4.02
Cap Ptflo	133.40	136.70†	-0.60	1.32
General Opps	115.50	117.40		3.57
Growth Inc	28.59	29.17	-0.15	1.84
Private Portfolio	383.70	391.80		1.34
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	108.80	114.90	-0.50	0.59
Emrg Asian	158.40	169.40	-1.00	
High Income	20.67	21.96†	-0.08	10.25
Oasec Income	86.93	93.04	-0.17	3.46
UK Growth	101.20	108.28†		1.70
UK Income	100.40	107.00†	-0.50	3.83
US Smaller Cos	293.50	313.80†	+0.20	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.38	47.72	-0.10	3.42
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.02	75.31	-0.03	4.38
Intl Growth	64.80	67.93		1.31
Investment Trust	85.09	89.47	-0.19	
UK Smaller Cos	74.65	78.50†	+0.12	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	56.33	59.18	-0.12	
(Accum Units)	56.33	59.18	-0.12	
Amer Smllr Cos	468.00	500.50	+1.70	
(Accum Units)	478.10	511.30	+1.80	...
Capital Tst	290.00	309.40	-0.40	1.61
(Accum Units)	414.20	440.50	-0.50	1.61
Cont Smlr Cos	57.46	61.72	+0.02	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.43	64.81	+0.01	0.50
Convertible	120.60	128.50†	-0.10	5.87
(Accum Units)	244.10	259.60†	-0.20	5.87
Emerging Markets	65.86	70.46	-0.21	
(Accum Units)	66.01	70.52	-0.20	..
European	113.80	120.90	-0.50	0.14
(Accum Units)	119.70	126.70	-0.50	0.14
Extra Income	312.70	332.60†		4.04
(Accum Units)	469.80	499.60†		4.04
Financial	118.10	127.00	+0.10	0.30
(Accum Units)	124.40	133.70	+0.10	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.76	62.65	-0.57	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.85	87.59	-0.79	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.40	141.40	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	132.40	141.40	-0.10	
Income & Growth	179.90	191.40	-0.10	3.32
(Accum Units)	271.80	289.10		3.32
Intl Growth	341.50	365.60	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	379.20	406.00	-0.50	
Japan & Gen	162.40	173.80	-0.20	
(Accum Units)	164.00	175.40	-0.10	
Monthly Inc	154.20	163.90†	-0.40	4.08
Managed Port Inc	98.99	104.20	-0.30	1.47
(Accum Units)	105.00	110.50	-0.20	1.47
Quarterly Income	49.54	52.69	-0.15	4.81
(Accum Units)	53.19	56.57	-0.15	4.81
Recovery	323.80	346.20†	-1.00	0.13
(Accum Units)	381.20	407.60†	-1.10	0.13
UK Growth	51.08	54.54	-0.22	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.84	56.41	-0.23	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smlr Cos	110.80	118.40	-2.0	0.0
FP Asian Growth	240.50	257.90	+0.90	0.0
FP Equity Dist	363.10	386.20	-1.10	2.86
-do- Accum	766.80	815.70	-2.30	2.86
FP Euro Gth Dist	139.20	148.00†	-0.40	0.38
-do- Accum	145.10	154.30†	-0.30	0.38
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.30	135.50	-1.00	7.48
-do- Accum	235.10	248.40	-1.90	7.48
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.39	92.96	-0.12	0.67
-do- Accum	91.50	97.33	-0.13	0.67
FP Nth Amer Dist	182.10	192.80†	-0.30	1.21
-do- Accum	200.60	212.50†	-0.30	1.21
FP Pac Basin Dist	289.70	308.10†	-0.60	0.19
-do- Accum	295.60	314.40†	-0.60	0.19
FP Income	51.13	54.53	-0.19	4.20
(Accum Units)	165.50	176.50	-0.50	4.20
FP Jap Smlr Cos	325.30	346.90	1.50	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	68.00	72.57†	0.67	6.09
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		6.25
FP Tokyo	81.74	87.18	-0.07	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.67	37.27	-0.13	2.07
FP UK Growth	161.70	172.40†	-0.80	2.78
(Accum Units)	313.00	333.80†	-1.60	2.78
Stewardship Dist	309.60	329.30	+0.50	2.08
-do- Accum	378.70	402.80	+0.70	2.08
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	67.30	71.59†	-0.07	3.85
-do- Accum	87.29	92.86†	-0.09	3.85
N Am Stshp Dist	93.90	99.89†	-0.07	0.76
-do- Accum	99.74	106.10†	-0.10	0.76
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	103.20	109.70	+0.30	0.92
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.90	111.50	+0.20	0.29
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.64	106.00†	+0.40	1.77
Cap Gth Inc Acc	102.00	108.50†	+0.40	1.77
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.60	108.00†	+0.20	1.82
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.20	110.80†	+0.20	1.82
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.47	47.30	+0.15	1.16
Australian	295.90	317.40	-2.20	0.0
European	195.90	208.30	-0.70	0.79
(Accum Units)	211.80	225.30	-0.70	0.79
Gilt & FI	54.26	57.39†	-0.49	6.58
Gold	43.81	47.18	-0.80	0.0
Intl	30.41	32.45	-0.20	0.50
(Accum Units)	44.09	47.05	-0.30	0.50
Smaller Cos	28.08	30.19	-0.11	1.20
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	223.00	235.80	-1.10	2.68
Cash	49.34	50.08†	+0.02	4.90
Growth Portfolio	73.49	77.90	-0.28	1.04
Income Portfolio	61.07	64.58†	-0.34	4.55
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	168.60	178.20	+0.30	1.58
Dividend	81.13	86.77†	+1.20	3.98
UK Gth & Inc	204.10	218.30†	-1.0	3.33
Gilt & Gen	42.29	45.23	+0.27	2.45
Fund of Funds	60.15	64.33	+0.05	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 8431				
Amer Spec Sits	177.20	189.60	-0.90	
European	541.30	578.80	+0.10	0.47
Far East & Gen	237.90	254.50	-1.90	...
Germany	113.60	120.40	+0.20	
Income Inc	144.10	154.20	-0.40	4.70
(Accum Units)	152.60	163.80	-0.50	4.70
International	305.10	326.40	-2.00	0.21
Intl Income	78.58	81.19	-0.38	4.18
Japan & General	371.60	395.00	+0.90	
Korean Securities	61.28	65.54	-0.06	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.49	45.45†	-0.09	5.29
UK Capital Inc	155.09	165.90†	-0.80	1.40
UK Capital Acc	270.80	289.70	-1.45	1.40
UK Spec Sits	77.57	82.97	-0.18	5.74
US & General	131.30	139.70		
Wwide Spec Sits	140.80	150.60	-0.70	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.64	47.70†	-0.24	2.49
Cash Trust	136.49	136.49†	+0.05	5.35
Practical Inv Inc #	109.38	116.96	-0.22	5.51
(Accum Units) #	248.89	265.96	-0.48	5.51
UK Index	148.52	149.99	-0.63	3.43
UK Smaller Cos	114.35	122.30	+0.71	1.10
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.15	26.90†	+0.68	9.18
High Income	31.38	33.57†	-0.80	5.35
UK Equity Income	127.58	136.45†	-0.46	3.76
Global Bond	27.82	28.62	-0.18	5.32
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.70	48.88	-0.49	0.16
Global Inc & Gth	125.78	133.96	-0.51	2.27
Gold & Intl Res	99.81	106.75	-0.15	0.07
Global Utilities	124.52	133.58†	-0.73	1.25
Overseas Funds				
American	139.03	148.26	-0.24	1.20
European	97.74	103.64	-0.29	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	140.38	149.30	-0.34	..
Amer Emerging	96.61	103.33	-0.10	..
Hong Kong	124.42	133.38	-0.90	1.87
Japan	227.85	241.87	-0.17	..
Pacific Growth	200.71	214.66	-0.68	1.52
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.46	203.46†	-0.79	2.13
Long Term Bal	222.61	222.61†	-1.14	3.11
Med Term Bal	189.77	189.77†	-1.06	3.67
UK Equity	230.28	230.28	-0.99	2.54
UK Emerging Cos	132.78	132.78	+0.19	2.32
American	229.92	229.92	-0.45	1.52
Japan	118.11	118.11	+0.41	
Eastern	252.69	252.69	-1.45	1.10
Index Linked Gilt	164.42	164.42	-0.81	3.03
Fixed Interest	152.20	152.20	-1.77	6.93
Amer Emerging	247.89	247.89	-6.34	0.20
Pacific	218.03	218.03	-1.47	0.98
Emerging Mkts	124.25	124.25†	-2.21	1.00
Index Strat Japan	144.60	144.60†	-0.38	0.27
-do- Pacific Rim	169.42	169.42†	-0.59	1.41
-do- Cont Europe	145.63	145.63†	-0.52	1.78
Index Strat USA	131.47	131.47†	-0.40	2.34
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.12	102.25	-0.40	
Med Term Bal	90.28	96.04	-0.54	
Long Term Bal	100.21	106.60	-0.55	
UK Equity	106.50	113.29	-0.49	
UK Emerging Cos	62.25	66.22	-0.09	
American	106.61	113.41	-0.22	
Japan	56.72	60.34	-0.28	
European	105.29	112.01	-0.41	
Fixed Interest	76.99	81.91	-0.95	
Index Linked Gilt	73.01	77.68	-0.28	
Deposit	80.07	85.19	+0.03	
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	111.70	118.80		
Berkeley Income #	106.50	113.30†	+0.30	3.86
BNH Intl	131.58	138.51	-0.06	0.61
Brcllf Glb Port Inc	58.33	61.56	+0.11	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.43	57.45†	+0.22	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	50.92	53.74	-0.07	0.10
Shaw Utilities	56.93	60.08	-0.45	2.85
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Inc	521.04	554.30†		1.61
(Accum Units)	579.50	616.49	..	1.61
European Inc	136.78	145.50†		0.89
Amalgam Inc	136.46	144.37		
N America Inc	322.99	343.61		
Far East Inc	319.07	339.44		
(Accum Units)	330.46	351.55		
UK Divid Inc	168.01	178.73†		1.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7986				
UK Equity Inc	84.59	89.13	-0.15	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.57	48.74	+0.21	1.01
British Growth	51.28	54.17	-0.03	2.57
American Gwth	163.53	174.90†	+1.06	
Japan Gwth	70.99	75.92†	-0.21	
Greater China	178.03	190.40	-1.41	
Pacific Strategy	150.33	160.78†	-0.56	
European Gwth	83.12	88.90	-0.27	0.29
Intl Growth	138.09	147.69	+0.08	
US Index (£)	13.42	14.14	-0.00	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	71.41	75.54	-0.02	2.28
Monthly Income	35.83	38.21†	-0.34	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (£)	8.97	10.50	-0.10	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	82.60	88.08†		1.74
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9668				
Cash	138.00	138.00		5.14
European	470.20	502.30	-0.80	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	124.40	132.00	-1.20	5.69
Growth Equity	311.00	332.20	-0.90	2.06
Income Trust	125.60	134.10	+0.70	3.08
International	172.40	184.10	-0.30	
Japan Trust	121.50	129.80†	-0.40	
Nth American	256.20	272.60	-0.20	0.70
Pacific	506.60	541.20	-1.00	
Guardian	465.30	497.10	-0.40	2.02
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	100.23	104.04	-0.26	6.55
Global High Inc	97.65	101.34†	-0.40	6.82
Prem Fixed Int	100.24	104.05	-0.51	8.37
Eqty & Bond Inc	98.47	104.70†	+0.12	5.14
European Growth	99.46	105.75	+0.41	
Intl PEP Trust	57.97	61.64	+0.16	
High Income	115.83	123.15†	+2.46	4.23
-do- Accum	159.35	169.43	+3.39	4.23
Recovery	350.00	372.20	-0.10	1.67
(Accum Units)	401.80	427.28	-0.10	1.67
St Vinc High Inc	121.35	123.17	+0.54	7.11
UK Emerg Cos	234.50	249.30	-0.30	1.50
UK Smlr Cos	351.20	357.40†	+0.10	2.06
Glob Prv Tst	90.07	95.76	-0.07	1.52
(Accum Units)	90.91	96.66	-0.06	1.52
Inc Share Tst	85.35	90.74	-0.04	8.25
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.36	25.72	-0.05	2.00
Growth Acc	24.36	25.72	-0.05	2.00
Income	24.38	25.85	+0.01	3.50
Income Acc	24.38	25.85	+0.01	3.50
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 380				
Model Ptflo	190.90	202.50	-0.50	2.68
Smaller Cos	30.75	32.71†	+0.17	0.85
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	278.67	298.17	-1.00	1.20
Best of British	61.16	65.01	-0.32	2.75
UK Smaller Cos	118.35	127.22†	+1.05	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	262.31	273.34	-1.0?	3.69
(Accum Units)	705.10	750.90	-2.65	3.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	301.13	321.90†	-0.58	4.18
Extra Income #	266.57	283.49	-0.48	5.89
Pref & Gilt	45.70	49.12†	+0.08	8.69
International				
International	254.75	270.96	-1.27	0.61
Global Bond	51.92	55.23	-0.17	6.57
Family of Funds	77.78	83.18†	+0.17	0.16
Global Tech	151.76	162.30	+0.38	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.49	174.83	+0.82	0.42
European	456.44	483.88	-1.47	0.36
European Income	78.35	82.90†	-0.35	7.76
Euro Smlr Cos	149.24	160.13	+0.58	0.05
Far Ep Sits	68.48	72.82	-0.22	0.22
(Accum Units)	73.33	78.01	-0.24	0.22
Japan Trust	201.99	214.93†	+0.60	..
Japan Special Sit	226.44	241.28	-0.54	
Pacific Smlr Cos	236.53	252.07	-0.67	..
North American	233.82	248.62†	-0.61	0.52
American Smaller	105.31	112.57	-0.44	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.67	59.01	-0.20	
Eur Sp Sits	59.00	62.53	-0.28	
General Growth	41.65	44.14	-0.22	
Global Tech	59.38	62.94	+0.15	
Income Growth	40.43	42.85	-0.16	
Japan Growth	24.74	26.22	+0.07	
Smaller Cos	21.29	22.56		
Special Opps	28.32	30.01	+0.01	
Wwide Sp Sits	45.45	48.75	-0.25	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	93.27	97.66	-0.18	2.00
Capital	163.60	171.30†	-0.50	1.58
Dollar	338.40	354.30	-0.10	
Enterprise Gth	304.90	319.20	+0.10	1.94
European	215.40	225.50	-1.00	0.57
Far East	297.60	311.60	-2.00	0.15
Financial	765.40	801.40	-1.90	1.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.84	25.83†	-0.07	7.59
High Yield	99.03	103.60	-0.50	4.31
Income & Growth	136.10	142.50	-0.30	3.55
International	240.70	252.00†	+0.10	
Japanese General	191.10	200.10	+0.10	
Japan Tech	76.52	80.12†	-0.33	
Nat Resources	66.82	69.98	-0.27	
Portfolio	68.77	72.01	-0.03	1.41
Smaller Cos	119.50	125.10	+0.20	1.59
Special Sits	144.50	151.30	-0.10	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	88.37	92.53	-0.11	0.88
US Smaller Cos	82.76	86.65	+0.13	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Adviser: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.28	102.70†	-0.30	6.73
Capital	559.30	596.90	-3.80	2.51
Income #	530.20	565.90†	-1.50	5.23
Footsie Fund	50.83	51.57	-2.46	2.94
Tiber Index	102.50	109.40	+0.70	2.15
UK Index	131.20	140.00†	-0.60	3.70
International Funds				
American Growth	475.20	507.20	-0.10	0.63
American Index	194.30	209.30†	-0.80	1.22
European Growth	[illegible]	114.10†	-0.80	0.33
Eurotrack 100	152.10	[illegible]	-0.60	0.87
Global Bond	[illegible]	21.40†	-0.09	6.08
Japan Growth	[illegible]	274.80	+0.10	
Japan Index	76.67	81.82†	-0.21	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	33.24	35.47†	-0.08	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	52.43	55.95†	+0.19	0.25
Hong Kong Gwth	87.71	93.61	-0.86	1.51
Spore & Mlysn Gth	69.84	74.54	-0.98	
Tiger Index	194.40	207.50	+2.40	1.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.78	29.87†	+0.06	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	68.28	70.67	-0.18	1.97
Rupert Child Fnd	80.80	83.87	-0.39	2.56
UK Growth	56.69	58.84	-0.19	2.45
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.06	50.08†	+0.01	4.87
Cashbox (Acc)	59.03	59.03†	+0.02	4.87
UK Extra Inc	81.56	84.65†	-0.29	6.71
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.58	26.37†	-0.18	7.78
UK Inc & Gwth	38.64	40.10	-0.12	4.02
UK Income	321.80	334.00	-0.70	3.80
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.63	49.33	-0.18	0.57
Amer Smlr Cos	113.10	117.30	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	114.30	118.60	-0.40	
Europe Gth	146.70	151.90	-0.30	
(Accum Units)	151.70	157.10	-0.30	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.42	28.46	+0.04	
French Growth	72.23	74.97†	-0.75	0.36
Accum Units	77.48	80.42†	-0.81	0.36
H Kong & China	72.39	75.14†	-0.20	1.98
Intl Growth	54.77	56.85	-0.17	0.70
(Accum Units)	55.22	57.32	-0.18	0.70
Japan Gth	31.16	32.34		
Accum Units	31.16	32.34	..	..
Japan Smaller Cos	37.98	39.42	-0.08	
Glob Emg Mkts	90.77	94.21	-0.15	..
Accum Units	91.41	94.88	-0.15	
SE Asia	298.10	309.40	-1.70	0.50
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	52.13	53.70	-0.19	6.04

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	132.30	140.60	-0.90	
Income	141.50	150.53†	+0.16	3.98
UK Growth	52.06	55.38†	+0.13	0.97
International	71.87	76.45†	-0.18	0.29
Ecology	76.37	81.24	-0.17	1.32
European	118.71	126.01	-0.07	
Far Eastern	281.20	299.10	-0.60	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts:				
Extra Income	48.30	51.38	-0.25	7.49
Gilt Yield	111.70	117.90	-0.90	6.79
Global Income	200.40	213.20†	-0.53	4.24
High Yield	132.00	140.40†	-0.85	6.29
(Accum Units)	399.30	424.70†	-2.45	6.29
Smllr Cos Div	48.63	51.73†	+0.12	3.24
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	87.22	92.79†	+0.78	
North American	74.92	79.70	-0.41	0.16
European Special	104.80	111.50	-0.20	0.13
European	148.00	157.40	-0.90	0.38
(Accum Units)	194.40	206.80	-1.10	0.38
General	260.30	276.90†	-1.90	3.27
Japan	384.10	408.60	+0.80	
Japanese Special	223.30	237.50	-1.10	
Master Accum	225.40	239.80	-0.70	0.58
Pacific	308.30	328.00	-1.40	
(Accum Units)	361.60	384.70	-1.60	
Smaller Cos	102.60	109.10		0.63
UK Equity Growth	36.69	39.03†	-0.12	1.57
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.10	62.87	-0.26	
Inv Trust	63.11	67.13	-0.11	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.23	59.81	-0.28	1.50
High Inc Acc	54.15	57.60	-0.11	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	546.30	557.40†		6.33
Intl & General	388.00	396.50†		0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Brixton Income	252.95	269.10	-0.09	5.57
Inc & Growth Inc	53.77	57.20†	-0.16	4.74
Smaller Cos	53.43	56.83	+0.03	1.44
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.60	248.50	-0.70	2.19
High Income	104.10	110.70†	-0.40	4.38
International	95.07	101.10	-0.20	0.80
Recovery Trust	60.60	64.46	+0.10	1.58
European Trust	79.38	84.44	-0.16	1.03
Japanese Trust	41.49	44.13†	-0.08	
American Trust	85.45	90.90	+0.02	
Managed	64.65	68.77	+0.01	0.55
Cash	51.35	51.35	+0.02	5.24
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0918				
UK Cap	346.20	351.90†		2.61
UK Inc/Gth	369.30	374.40†		3.46
UK Income	259.80	264.30†		4.41
UK Sm Cos	223.10	232.20†		2.10
Euro Gwth	121.90	122.80		
N Amer Gwth	80.88	81.67		0.11
Japan Growth	61.70	62.32	..	...
Money Mkt	122.14	122.14		1.510
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	452.20	481.10	-2.00	2.72
(Accum Units)	889.60	946.40	-3.90	2.72
Equity Income	92.95	98.88†	-0.10	4.14
UK Tactical Allocatn	53.95	57.29	-0.43	3.10
European	112.60	119.80†	-0.50	0.96
Far Eastern	210.00	223.60	-1.00	
Fixed Interest	50.13	53.33	-0.38	6.86
Gilt	86.18	91.60	-0.69	6.72
Global Growth	71.86	76.44	-0.34	1.10
Intl Bond	50.19	53.30†	-0.22	5.29
Japanese	67.94	72.28	-0.22	
North American	143.70	152.90†	-0.10	1.03
Pacific Growth	104.10	110.70	-0.30	0.19
UK Index	59.92	63.24	-0.25	3.19
UK Recovery	86.56	92.08	-0.15	1.82
UK Smaller Cos	114.70	122.00†	+0.10	1.55
US Index	59.25	62.53	-0.21	1.81
European Index	72.43	76.44†	-0.28	1.57
Japan Index	39.84	42.05	-0.06	
Worldwide	79.67	84.76	-0.19	1.42
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 802 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.86	51.45†	-0.24	2.11
Income	56.36	60.60†	-0.32	3.14
Far East	49.67	53.34	-0.15	...
North American	90.57	96.94	-0.39	
Global	86.61	92.63	-0.42	0.16
European	84.14	89.99	-0.21	0.42
Japan	101.20	108.30	-0.40	
Intl Currency Bd	56.35	59.80	-0.43	5.07
SE Asia	97.94	104.70	-0.70	
UK Gwth Growth	87.77	94.38	-0.30	1.43
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 338 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	329.80	349.80	-1.10	2.95
-do- Acc	737.60	795.40	-2.50	2.95

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Cont Euro Gth	62.22	65.50	-0.09	0.30
-do- Acc	66.43	69.99	-0.10	0.30
Extra Inc	243.60	259.20	-4.90	4.16
-do- Acc	632.40	672.80	-10.70	4.16
FTSE 100 Inc	95.03	101.10	-0.60	2.84
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Gemini Gth	125.40	132.00	+0.10	0.04
-do- Acc	131.50	138.50	-0.10	0.04
Growth Port	523.00	556.40	-1.20	0.32
-do- Acc	531.60	565.60	-1.30	0.32
Hi Reserve Inc #	91.44	102.60	-0.70	5.91
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Income	464.60	494.30	-7.80	3.94
-do- Acc	£12.48	£13.28	-20.00	3.94
Income Port	494.80	526.40†	-1.60	4.02
-do- Acc	525.00	558.60	-1.70	4.02
Japan Growth	98.26	102.50	+0.10	
-do- Acc	95.60	102.80		
Master Tnst	55.65	59.21	-0.16	1.57
-do- Acc	62.17	66.10	-0.18	1.57
N American Gen	174.80	186.00	-3.40	0.91
-do- Acc	201.50	214.80	-0.50	0.91
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.00	143.70	+0.10	
-do- Acc	137.80	146.60	-0.10	
Pacific Basin	239.40	254.70†	-4.90	0.73
-do- Acc	254.50	270.60	-5.10	0.73
Small Cos Rec	335.30	357.20	-0.20	2.11
-do- Acc	451.70	477.60	-0.40	2.11
UK Growth	81.82	87.05†	-0.90	2.60
-do- Acc	99.45	105.80	-1.09	2.60
Worldwide Gth	294.80	313.70	-0.30	0.56
-do- Acc	424.90	452.70	-0.40	0.56
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	62.98	67.56	-0.14	0.10
General	62.03	66.07	-5.30	2.60
Income	63.85	67.51	-0.10	5.50
International	60.17	64.55	-0.20	0.50
Japan	54.77	58.76	-0.20	
Tst of Inv Tsts	64.04	68.71	-0.06	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	379.10	400.30†	-0.50	0.78
(Accum Units)	472.30	499.60	-0.60	0.78
Amer Recovery	441.00	466.40	-0.10	0.54
(Accum Units)	506.00	535.20	-0.10	0.54
Amer Smlr Cos	131.20	138.79†	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	134.10	141.70	-0.90	
Australasian	145.40	153.80†	-0.02	2.27
(Accum Units)	177.30	188.20	-0.10	2.27
Capital	796.60	831.90†	-0.75	2.70
(Accum Units)	902.50	954.40	+1.30	2.70
Charifund	657.30	663.90†	-0.85	5.67
(Accum Units)	£30.64	£30.98	+4.00	5.67
Commodity	366.80	387.90†	-0.40	0.32
(Accum Units)	538.50	565.40	-0.60	0.32
Compound Gth	902.50	954.40	-7.90	2.67
(Accum Units)	946.00	£10.00	-2.00	2.67
Dividend	38.10	40.30	-0.20	4.52
(Accum Units)	158.50	169.10	-0.50	4.53
Equity Income	325.90	344.60†	-0.49	5.11
(Accum Units)	423.30	447.60	-1.00	5.11
Euro & General	484.30	512.10	[illegible]	1.11
(Accum Units)	612.00	647.90	-0.30	1.11
Euro Dividend	67.10	71.00†		3.75
(Accum Units)	80.60	85.50		3.75
Extra Yield	400.50	423.50	+0.40	4.79
(Accum Units)	£12.42	£13.14	+1.30	4.79
Far Eastern	331.10	350.10	-1.90	0.88
(Accum Units)	439.60	463.80	-2.50	0.33
Fund of Inv Tsts	575.50	608.50	+0.50	2.13
(Accum Units)	£10.74	£11.36	+1.30	2.13
General	58.30	61.60	-0.10	3.65
(Accum Units)	163.80	173.20	+0.20	3.85
Gilt Income	57.93	58.04†	-0.50	8.14
(Accum Units)	161.30	161.61	-1.39	8.14
Gold	58.60	62.00†	-0.40	1.20
(Accum Units)	69.20	73.20	-0.50	1.20
High Income	27.10	28.70		4.87
(Accum Units)	108.80	115.40	-0.20	4.87
Intl Growth	72.50	76.70†		1.07
(Accum Units)	126.50	133.80		1.07
International Inc	94.40	99.60	-0.20	4.63
(Accum Units)	140.10	148.20	-0.20	4.63
Japan & Gen	43.90	46.40	-0.10	
(Accum Units)	47.10	49.80	-0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	155.90	164.90	-0.30	
(Accum Units)	157.00	166.10	-0.20	
Managed Income	26.50	27.80†		4.06
Midland	58.90	62.30	+0.10	3.23
(Accum Units)	196.80	208.10	+0.20	3.23
Pension Ex	892.70	916.10	+2.10	4.47
Recovery	39.30	41.60	-0.20	2.79
(Accum Units)	64.60	68.40	-0.30	2.79
Second General	66.70	70.50		3.58
(Accum Units)	173.20	183.10	+0.10	3.58
Smaller Cos	65.00	68.70†	-0.11	3.25
(Accum Units)	129.50	137.00		3.25
Sterling Hi Ind	23.90	23.96†	-0.21	8.76
Treasury	25.06	25.10†		5.87
Trustee	39.80	42.10	+0.10	4.59
(Accum Units)	160.20	169.80	+0.40	4.59
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	78.49	83.49	-0.22	1.02
Intl Bond	60.82	63.94	-0.33	6.05
Intl Equity Growth	67.31	71.58	-0.20	0.75
N Amer Growth	93.56	99.53	-0.25	1.00
Special Sits Growth	20.44	21.74	+0.01	1.75
UK Growth	354.50	377.10	-1.00	2.93
(Accum Units)	462.30	491.80	-1.40	2.93
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.45	£12.89		3.20
Income #	937.60	952.50†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	134.80	138.90		4.39
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	190.90	204.20	-0.60	2.47
Gilt & Fxd Int	167.10	176.00	-1.10	6.85
Intl Growth	199.80	212.90	-0.80	0.29
North American	179.20	191.30	-0.50	0.61
Far East	252.90	270.50	-1.80	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	164.80	176.30		1.73
European	79.63	84.59	-0.17	0.13
Japanese Growth	45.30	48.25	-0.21	
High Income	182.30	194.90	-0.50	4.30
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	144.20	151.80†	-0.72	2.29
-do- Accum	166.00	174.80†	-0.72	2.29
UK Sel Ptflo	124.10	130.60	-0.53	2.54
-do- Accum	144.20	151.80	-0.53	2.54
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.72	68.85		5.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	68.41	72.62	+0.18	4.47
European	78.70	83.55†	-0.05	0.40
Income #	70.12	74.44†	+0.09	6.01
Nth American	61.38	65.16	-0.35	0.57
Far East	158.50	168.30	+2.60	
Japan	51.73	54.92	+0.11	
Emrging Mkts	89.62	95.85†	-0.64	
Intl Growth	102.50	108.80		0.77
UK Growth	86.07	91.37	+1.21	1.16
UK Smll Co	44.07	46.78	+0.02	1.01
Asian Opps Fd	35.38	37.84	-0.75	0.36
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	402.41	428.10	-2.58	4.17
Global Inc	67.18	71.47	-0.44	2.89
Brit Leaders	338.42	360.02	-2.36	2.49
Intl Leaders	197.48	210.08	-0.44	0.78
PAM Mg Bal Gth	60.29	62.64	+0.02	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2860				
American	194.40	206.30	-0.90	
(Accum Units)	207.80	220.50	-0.90	
American Opps	88.72	94.63	-0.29	
(Accum Units)	89.83	95.82	-0.29	
British Blue Chip	75.92	80.71	-0.24	2.99
(Accum Units)	93.61	99.50	-0.30	2.99
Cash	100.40	100.40†	+0.100	6.18
(Accum Units)*	137.90	137.90†	+0.100	6.18
Emerging Mkts	96.82	104.10	-0.90	0.14
(Accum Units)	96.90	104.20	-0.90	0.14
European Growth	239.60	253.80	-0.60	0.18
(Accum Units)	258.30	273.70	-0.50	0.18
European Income	80.78	85.33†	+0.110	3.36
(Accum Units)	108.60	114.90†	+0.200	3.36
General	478.90	511.30	-0.50	2.42
(Accum Units)	935.50	996.70	-1.10	2.42
Global Bond	120.00	126.20	-0.40	5.48
(Accum Units)	144.60	152.00	-0.50	5.48
Gold & General	191.60	206.00	-0.70	0.44
(Accum Units)	195.60	211.40	-0.80	0.44
Govt Securities	87.68	90.59	-0.55	6.27
(Accum Units)	171.10	176.40	-1.00	6.27
Income	142.60	151.70†	-0.30	4.57
(Accum Units)	224.90	239.40†	-0.30	4.57
Inc Portfolio #	92.46	98.23†	-0.25	5.29
(Accum Units) #	93.52	99.36†	-0.26	5.29
Intl Opps	434.80	463.00	-0.60	0.35
(Accum Units)	580.70	618.40	-0.80	0.35
Japan	165.60	175.50†	-0.90	..
(Accum Units)	170.00	180.10†	-1.00	..
New Europe	168.40	179.60†	-0.10	0.78
(Accum Units)	173.80	185.40†	-0.10	0.78
Pacific	112.30	119.80	-0.40	0.85
(Accum Units)	120.20	128.20	-0.50	0.85
Recovery	276.20	294.60	-0.100	0.86
(Accum Units)	352.50	376.00	+0.100	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	53.34	56.90	-0.110	0.91
(Accum Units)	60.30	64.32	-0.130	0.91
Portfolio	76.46	81.19	-0.36	2.84
(Accum Units)	89.77	95.32	-0.42	2.84
Managed Gth	93.98	98.44	-0.21	1.93
Managed Inc	98.46	102.20	-0.20	4.40
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	111.35	118.46	-0.18	0.91
Portfolio	63.47	67.52	-0.27	0.07
UK Income Inc	72.87	77.52	-0.05	4.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	57.94	60.67	-0.18	3.30
(Accum Units)	60.96	63.83	-0.19	3.30
British Tst	81.27	85.10	-1.08	2.19
(Accum Units)	93.43	97.83	-1.24	2.19
Extra High Inc	65.75	68.33†		6.62
(Accum Units)	127.20	133.10†		6.62

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.55	54.35†	-0.27	3.25
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.15	53.56†	-0.27	3.25
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.61	54.75	-0.53	7.17
(Accum Units)	152.20	152.40	[illegible]	7.17
High Yield	213.90	224.00	-0.35	5.79
(Accum Units)	525.60	561.05	-0.80	5.76
Income	271.10	293.92†	-0.70	3.71
(Accum Units)	598.00	626.10†	-1.65	3.71
Money Market UT	49.23	49.23†	+0.22	5.45
(Accum Units)	77.65	77.65†	+2.03	5.45
Monthly Income	82.47	86.22†	-0.17	6.13
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.38	103.62	-0.52	1.90
European Growth	101.30	108.00	-0.23	0.22
Gilt & Fixed	82.50	87.34	-0.53	6.23
Income	21.19	65.37	-0.22	2.95
Japan Growth	50.75	53.73	-0.33	
Managed	65.32	70.55	-0.25	2.42
Money Market	88.84	92.35	-4.04	4.35
North American	66.44	91.62	-0.45	2.49
Midland PSA/CG Unit Trust				
British	88.40	94.04	-0.53	1.89
European Growth	95.85	101.60	-0.20	0.07
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.06	82.96	-2.76	6.27
Income	79.76	84.95	-0.32	3.56
Japan Growth	50.65	53.69	-0.32	
Managed	63.45	67.52	-0.20	2.46
Money Market	60.29	92.71	-2.64	4.32
North American	78.79	92.47	-0.41	0.52
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.37	94.01	-0.50	1.97
European Growth	93.57	99.12	-0.15	
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.34	76.74	-0.73	5.53
Income	78.75	82.78	-0.21	3.05
Japan Growth	51.63	54.34	-0.33	
Managed	66.20	70.42	-0.22	2.46
Money Market	74.82	79.31	-5.33	4.33
North American	87.25	92.46	-0.47	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (UCS)	12.05	12.82		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 826 0123				
American Gwth	337.70	359.40†	-1.60	
European Gth Inc	437.56	465.71†	-3.00	0.39
(Accum Units)	442.20	474.60†	-3.00	0.39
Intl Gwth	188.20	200.60	-0.70	
UK Equity Inc	175.50	187.10	-0.20	3.20
UK Inc Trckr Inc	151.29	161.60	-0.07	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	179.50	192.10	-0.70	[illegible]
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	197.00	208.90	-0.53	1.54
Japan Tracker	72.96	77.29	-1.20	
Asian Trader	192.70	209.20	-0.10	[illegible]
Managed Inc	149.10	159.00†	-0.22	1.47
Dividend Inc	99.25	93.85	-0.02	1.96
Europa	172.30	185.50	-0.30	0.25
Genesis	148.97	162.70	-0.22	[illegible]
High Income	21.36	22.45†	-0.06	[illegible]
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	50.60	52.57	-0.27	2.42
Acumen Inc	65.75	67.52	-0.27	[illegible]
Acumen Reserve	51.55	52.67	-3.45	[illegible]
-do- Inc	70.23	73.59†	-3.45	[illegible]
American Growth	148.20	152.45	-3.45	
Cash Income	49.56	49.56†	-0.01	[illegible]
Equity Income #	91.30	93.35	-0.21	4.99
European	68.75	70.57	-2.17	[illegible]
Smaller Cos	74.62	77.69	-0.17	1.97
Olympiad	61.62	62.99†	-0.10	0.55
Global Bond	42.14	42.51†	-3.11	[illegible]
UK Growth	88.58	90.97	-0.27	1.76
Pacific Growth	98.89	132.70	-0.10	
Japan Growth	90.31	91.77	-0.17	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	116.35	122.75†	0.62	2.91
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	70.81	75.33	-0.32	2.25
UK Income	103.78	109.97	-0.33	4.03
Higher Income	203.38	215.36†	-0.52	4.35
Smaller Cos	75.28	80.07	-0.02	2.30
International	92.83	98.75	+0.05	1.79
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	99.76	105.70	-0.25	0.13
European Dist	107.80	115.30	-0.20	0.02
Far East Dist	168.50	180.20†	-0.60	
Global Care Dist	65.24	70.31†	-0.07	1.17
Overs Dist	969.00	£10.36	-0.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.57	£13.45	-1.00	0.08
UK Dist	328.00	350.80	-1.20	2.33
(Accum Units)	643.30	688.00	-2.40	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.59	77.64†	-0.12	4.43
Wwide Dist	100.62	107.61	-0.14	0.35
Wwide Inc Dist	67.42	72.11	-0.31	2.62
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europa Inc	62.43	65.68	-0.24	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	55.62	58.60†	-0.21	0.89
North America Inc	49.16	51.88	+0.16	0.50
UK Equity Gth Inc	55.86	58.96	-0.27	2.12
(Accum Units)	57.98	61.19	-0.28	2.12
UK General Inc	54.94	57.98	-0.24	2.58
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	45.54	47.95†	-0.27	7.32
UK Income Inc	54.46	57.48†	-0.15	3.13
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	219.46	233.47†	-0.86	3.51
Global	307.64	327.26	-2.02	0.13
General	175.50	186.71†	-0.52	1.83
Bond	112.86	119.79	-0.68	6.34
Growth	118.49	126.06	-0.30	2.43
Intrepid	108.27	112.79		1.80
Bridge Fund	80.21	85.34		2.23
Distributor	88.20	93.84	-0.26	3.19
Formerly Capital House				
American Gwth Tst	35.15	37.59	+0.01	
Cash Income	50.53	50.53	+0.03	5.50
European Gwth	38.43	40.95	-0.07	0.16
Income & Gwth Inc	25.96	27.76	-0.07	4.51
Intnl Gwth	27.97	29.91	-0.31	0.54
Japan Gwth	25.08	26.82	-0.14	
Managed Tst Inc	45.82	49.00	-0.24	2.55
Oriental Opps Inc	132.40	141.60	-0.70	
Property Shares	32.67	34.94	-0.11	0.89
Smaller Cos	28.75	30.74	-0.68	1.79
UK Growth Tst	24.74	26.45	-0.03	3.01
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.45	74.27	-0.01	1.71
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.38	68.85	-0.01	2.90
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Foundation	88.30	94.43	+0.21	3.44
German	50.43	53.69	-0.05	
High Income	70.77	75.68	-0.77	6.46
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	75.38	80.61	+0.34	4.48
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.51	123.68	-0.48	2.05
UK Equity	131.84	138.78	-0.74	3.17
UK Equity Income	125.49	132.09	-0.49	3.44
UK Smaller Cos	110.53	116.35†	-0.08	1.88
UK Equity Growth	123.47	129.97	-0.52	2.39
UK Index Trckg	135.07	142.18	+0.48	3.60
Intl Index Trckg	139.33	146.66	-0.43	1.16
International	223.81	235.59	-0.93	0.38
European	189.95	199.95†	-0.54	0.20
Pan European	126.23	132.87	-0.52	1.36
Nth American	168.40	177.26	-0.67	0.22
N Amer Smll Cos	180.98	190.51	+0.02	..
Japanese	90.09	94.83	-0.35	
Pacific	217.06	228.48	-0.92	0.13
South East Asian	239.44	252.04	-1.10	0.39
Intl Bond	127.01	133.70†	-0.58	4.89
Gilt & Convertible	100.31	105.59†	-1.06	6.99
Property	82.15	86.47	+0.08	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	252.70	271.60	+0.30	
(Accum Units)	267.40	287.40	+0.40	
Japan Inc	105.80	112.90	-0.40	..
Nth American Inc	105.20	112.80	-0.20	0.01
Worldwide Inc	152.20	163.70	-0.70	0.44
Hong Kong Inc	124.00	133.10	-0.90	1.77
Swiss Equities Inc	65.55	70.09	+0.14	
Wwide Bond Inc	58.84	63.36	-0.20	5.44
Emgng Asia Inc	205.00	222.80	-2.20	0.29
(Accum Units)	205.80	223.60	-2.30	0.28
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.08	50.08†	+0.02	5.69
Thailand Inc	161.40	173.70	-3.30	1.32
Gold Trust Inc	67.04	72.67	-0.38	0.11
New Zealand Inc	83.91	90.14	-0.27	1.73
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	60.89	65.45	-0.16	1.22
Latin Am Emg Inc	58.92	63.78†	-0.04	0.42
UK All Sh Idx Inc	56.36	60.48	-0.24	2.57
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.19	79.35	+0.09	
Global Portfolio	66.29	70.90	+0.04	...
Global Opps	64.94	69.45	-0.05	
Marsh Global Gth	61.39	65.10	-0.12	
AAM Global Equity	52.04	55.16	+0.09	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	85.67	92.16	-0.04	
Temple Equity Inc	41.82	45.69†	-0.01	3.44
Hartley Growth	70.66	74.89	-0.13	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	83.35	89.14	-0.02	0.81
IPS Portfolio Inc	79.13	84.63†	-0.09	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	48.43	48.24	-0.05	
Premier Portms Inc	65.27	69.81†	+0.06	1.42
Roxburgh Strat Gth	69.13	73.94	-0.02	
Tech Analysts	94.56	100.20	-0.20	
Rosebery Growth	45.66	48.81	-0.17	0.05
International [illegible]	74.48	79.66	-0.20	0.10
UFC Ind-Act Gth	51.85	56.11	+0.35	
Coverdale Topcat	47.81	51.71	-0.12	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.37	46.70	-0.14	0.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	230.90	245.60	-0.90	2.74
(Accum Units)	487.50	518.50	-1.80	2.74
Growth	149.90	157.80	-0.40	2.79
Income	229.40	244.00	-0.60	3.87
Intl Equity	240.60	255.90	-1.10	1.18
(Accum Units)	265.90	282.90	-1.20	1.18
UK Income	63.05	67.07†	-0.14	3.49
UK Intl 25	76.41	81.28	-0.24	2.38
New Europe	76.87	81.77	-0.32	0.59
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	561.23	600.25	-2.56	0.18
(Accum Units)	561.81	600.87	-2.56	0.18
Income	336.86	360.28	-2.52	3.42
Wwide Recovery	356.19	380.96	-0.86	0.07
Amer Growth Inc	213.61	228.46†	-0.22	0.01
(Accum Units)	213.61	228.46	-0.22	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	230.01	246.00	+0.28	0.01
Far East Gth Inc	260.07	278.16	-0.69	0.25
(Accum Units)	260.07	278.16	-0.63	0.25
Euro Gwth Inc	138.22	147.83	+0.03	0.73
(Accum Units)	138.57	148.21	+0.02	0.73
UK Growth Inc	86.37	92.38	-0.59	2.86
(Accum Units)	88.47	94.63	-0.60	2.86
High Income	91.17	97.51†	-0.64	4.22
Jap Gwth Inc	211.90	225.91	+0.66	0.01
(Accum Units)	211.99	225.91	+0.66	0.01
PEP Growth	112.68	120.52	-0.36	0.67
Asian Str Mkts Inc	116.94	125.07†	-1.50	0.01
(Accum Units)	116.94	125.07	-1.50	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	125.49	134.22	-0.53	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.49	134.22	+0.53	0.01
Global Bond	53.67	56.59	-0.35	5.83
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.60	83.00	-2.46	1.54
(Accum Units)	80.61	86.22	-2.55	1.54
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	96.59	102.75	+0.32	
European	69.54	73.98	+0.34	
Global	59.93	63.76	+0.02	
Pacific	56.05	59.63	+0.02	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.28	66.25	+0.44	1.92
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2550 540				
BRI Director Digs	87.12	92.78	+0.48	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	152.17	160.18†	-0.32	0.11
Emerg Mkts	45.18	47.56	-0.14	
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.65	61.10	-0.17	2.52
Growth Income	60.91	64.56	-0.19	2.29
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.20	132.13†	-0.77	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	88.63	94.16†	-0.61	3.63
Conv & Gilt	111.90	119.00	-0.10	6.16

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income	71.75	76.33	-0.37	3.96
Extra Income	143.40	152.60	-0.20	3.88
(Accum Units)	174.00	185.10	-0.20	3.88
Far East	371.60	395.30	+3.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	378.60	402.80	+3.80	0.08
Global Income	24.29	25.84†	-0.11	4.61
High Income	109.30	116.30	-0.20	3.66
(Accum Units)	129.70	138.00	-0.30	3.66
International	192.40	204.60	-0.90	0.68
(Accum Units)	198.20	210.90	-0.90	0.68
Pref & Fxd Int	43.01	45.75†	-0.02	7.91
Recovery	69.24	73.66	-0.20	2.84
Special Sit	101.50	107.90	+0.10	1.14
(Accum Units)	109.80	116.80	+0.10	1.14
Technology	377.90	402.10	+0.30	
UK Blue Chip	66.06	70.30	-0.22	2.67
(Accum Units)	73.29	77.97	-0.25	2.67
For Providence Capital see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 588 3960				
Equity Gth	167.70	178.40	-0.60	1.86
European Gth	96.64	102.40		0.28
Income & Gth #	125.70	136.90	-0.70	3.25
Japan Gth	114.00	121.10	-0.10	
Nth Amer Gth	115.80	123.20	-0.70	0.17
Overseas Gth	86.57	92.10	-0.19	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.33	36.61	-0.02	1.60
Cash Haven Inc	100.86	101.36†	-0.04	5.26
Cash Haven Acc	111.29	111.94†	+0.04	5.26
Dist Trust Inc	93.56	96.95†	-0.27	6.18
Dist Trust Acc	96.75	109.25†	-0.30	6.18
Global Growth	85.38	90.82†	-0.24	1.35
Equity Inc	77.85	82.81†	-1.51	3.81
Equity	700.15	744.83	-2.32	2.40
European	208.61	216.17	-0.60	1.11
High Income	86.36	91.87	-0.35	4.95
Intl Gth	174.88	186.04†	-0.24	0.96
Intl Sm Co	74.08	78.80	-0.81	0.48
Japanese	206.10	213.57	-0.10	
Nth Amer	164.62	170.59	-0.27	1.79
Pacific Mkts	96.96	100.47†	-0.25	0.37
Premier Inc	46.20	48.08†	-0.29	4.95
Sm Cos	83.18	88.48	-1.86	1.54
Spec Sit	103.69	110.30†	-0.34	2.22
UK Growth	115.97	123.26†	-1.54	2.36
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	287.60	305.20	-1.00	3.29
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 0191 295 2666				
Managed	91.51	97.09†		2.30
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	511.44	544.64	-1.13	0.33
FA America (Acc)	597.92	636.62	-1.31	0.33
FA UK Equity Inc	150.84	160.75	-0.30	3.60
FA Japan	242.19	257.53	-0.76	
FA Major UK Cos	91.09	97.15	-0.55	2.35
FA Smlr UK Cos	279.73	304.32	-0.72	1.35
FA European	306.66	325.17	+0.05	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	43.52	46.72	-0.19	
FA Asia	46.10	49.47	-0.26	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	45.00	48.20	-0.37	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.65	97.52	-0.57	
UK Smlr Cos	80.45	84.69	-0.20	
UK Income	91.43	96.23	-0.18	
America	102.80	109.20	-0.23	
Japanese	53.24	56.04	-0.16	
European	98.25	102.41	+0.02	
Gilt	85.61	90.11	-0.62	
Deposit	83.34	87.83	+0.04	
Managed	94.59	99.56	-0.33	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.23	94.97	-0.54	
UK Smaller Cos	78.59	82.72	+0.19	
UK Income	89.21	93.90	-0.17	
America	100.06	105.32	+0.22	
Japanese	51.82	54.54	-0.16	
European	95.73	100.76	-0.02	
Gilt	84.71	89.16	-0.58	
Deposit	79.50	83.68	+0.04	
Managed	88.71	93.37	-0.36	..
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	78.42	83.72	+0.68	0.22
Pacific Basin	73.42	78.06	-0.25	
High Inc Dist	129.20	138.10	-0.50	5.14
Ryl Life Intl Carry	57.53	61.17	-0.30	4.29
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	64.39	68.74	-0.29	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.37	65.28	-0.22	
UK Emerging Cos	119.80	129.50	+0.20	1.19
UK Index Trckg	155.70	165.90	+2.80	3.41
European	125.70	134.80	-0.50	0.28
Managed	141.00	151.60†	-0.10	0.78
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	143.40	151.60†		0.52
European Growth	108.80	115.00		0.95
Far East Growth	126.00	134.10†		0.49
Japan Growth	128.00	136.10		
Special Sits	183.50	195.20		1.63
UK Growth	73.08	77.74		2.62
Trilen General	228.60	243.20		0.80
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	156.30	164.30	+0.10	0.58
Gt Euro Prog Inc	333.20	352.60	-1.10	0.56
(Accum Units)	518.00	548.10	-1.80	0.56
Growth Inc	129.60	137.10	-0.60	0.58
(Accum Units)	132.00	139.70	-0.60	0.58
International Inc	332.90	353.30	-1.20	0.45
(Accum Units)	456.60	483.20	-1.70	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	312.60	330.80	-0.80	1.15
UK Gen Prog Inc	216.00	228.60	-0.80	1.29
UK High Inc Inc	125.90	133.20	-0.20	3.85
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.91	65.86	+0.07	
Amer Smlr Cos	73.94	78.65	+1.10	
Asian Gwth	107.70	114.56	-0.38	0.75
European Gwth	66.31	70.54	-0.12	1.00
Global Bd	58.78	62.13	-0.15	5.00
Global Eq	58.37	62.09	+0.22	0.50
Japanese Eq	49.47	52.62	-0.23	
Japan Sm Cos	57.14	60.79	-0.25	
UK Eqs	51.03	54.29	-0.20	2.80
UK Gwth	57.27	60.92	-0.11	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	67.41	71.71	-0.38	4.18
Amer Smlr Cos	108.10	115.00†	-0.20	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.80	44.47	-0.20	
Capital Portfolio	123.20	131.10		1.96
Cash	126.10	126.10	-0.10	5.69
China Dragon	54.97	58.48	-0.23	0.84
Commodity	117.50	125.00		0.40
Eastern Discovery	92.95	98.88	-0.02	..
Emerging Mkts	36.64	38.98	-0.16	0.40
Energy Inds	116.50	123.90†	+0.10	0.79
European Gwth	183.80	195.50	+0.60	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.93	80.78†	+0.28	1.23
Euro Smlr Cos	51.72	55.02	+0.20	
Extra Income #	50.02	51.66†	-0.02	6.12
Financial Secs	194.40	206.80	+1.10	1.69
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.90	50.55	-0.27	8.86
Gold & Exploration	72.16	76.77†	-0.20	
High Return #	217.00	230.80†	+0.60	4.41
High Yield #	220.00	234.00	+0.70	4.01
Income #	113.60	121.10†	+0.30	4.64
Intl Bond	160.80	169.80	-0.70	5.77
ITU	197.00	209.60	+0.30	1.61
Japan Growth	166.10	176.70	-0.70	..
Japan Smaller	168.40	179.10	-2.0	
Korea	63.18	67.21	-1.15	
Masterfund	52.79	56.16	-0.01	1.29
Scotbits	292.10	310.70†	+1.80	1.46
Scotshares #	279.00	296.80	+0.70	2.52
Scotyields #	231.80	246.60	+0.90	3.83
Select Intl	134.30	142.90	-0.40	0.38
Smaller Cos Inc #	233.20	248.10	+0.20	3.87
SE Asia	51.87	55.18	-0.43	
Special Situation	120.40	128.10	+0.20	1.02
UK Equity #	233.70	248.60†	+0.80	3.01
UK Growth	62.13	66.10	+0.16	1.51
UK & O'seas	157.50	167.60	+0.30	1.29
UK Smlr Cos Gwth	44.18	47.00†	+0.05	0.96
US Growth	145.80	155.20	-0.50	0.46
Univ Growth	134.20	142.80	-0.40	0.73
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Circ: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	249.07	264.67	+0.22	0.98
(Accum Units)	272.05	289.09	+0.24	0.98
European Gwth	72.98	77.45	-0.51	0.63
Euro Smlr Cos	76.29	81.24	-0.04	0.38
Far Eastern	90.85	96.90†	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	92.49	98.65	-0.82	
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.80	52.51	-0.61	7.26
Global Bond #	48.20	49.81†	-0.28	7.01
(Accum Units) #	52.98	54.74	-0.30	7.01
Global Emer Mkts	50.00	53.33	+0.02	
(Accum Units)	50.00	53.33	+0.02	
Income	338.68	361.25	-1.64	4.16
(Accum Units)	£10.55	£11.25	-5.12	4.16
Japan Smllr Cos	456.99	487.45†	+1.11	
(Accum Units)	457.90	488.43	+1.12	
Japan Enterprise	63.80	68.05	-0.25	..
Pacific Gwth	123.76	132.01†	-0.33	..
(Accum Units)	127.76	136.27	-0.34	..
Portfolio	76.80	81.92†	-0.35	2.05
(Accum Units)	83.43	88.98	-0.39	2.05
Seoul	46.98	50.59	-0.50	
(Accum Units)	46.98	50.59	-0.50	
Smaller Cos	202.80	218.32	+1.01	1.42
Tokyo	116.15	123.89	-0.01	
(Accum Units)	117.32	125.15		
UK Enterprise	239.65	255.62†	-1.26	2.13
(Accum Units)	287.49	306.65	-1.51	2.13
UK Equity	229.25	244.53†	-1.34	2.85
(Accum Units)	445.47	475.16	-2.61	2.85
US Smlr Cos	159.12	169.72	+0.43	
(Accum Units)	46.31	48.23	+0.10	0.65
Institutional Funds				
European	232.05	241.00†	-1.27	1.15
(Accum Units)	257.85	267.80	-1.40	1.15
Euro Smlr Cos	28.23	29.40	+0.03	1.48
(Accum Units)	29.95	31.19	+0.03	1.48
Global Equity Inc	74.88	78.00	-0.04	0.93
Japan Smlr Cos	36.72	38.24†	-0.14	
(Accum Units)	37.00	38.54	-0.13	
Mngd Balanced	180.54	188.06	-0.80	2.74
(Accum Units)	203.69	212.18	-0.91	2.74
Overseas Equity	181.26	188.81†	-0.58	1.21
(Accum Units)	187.68	195.50	-0.58	1.21
Overs Smlr Cos	121.19	126.23	-0.02	0.72
(Accum Units)	126.39	131.64	-0.02	0.72
Pacific	233.71	243.44	-1.00	1.18
(Accum Units)	255.07	265.65	-1.06	1.18
Recovery	£17.32	£18.05†	-1.11	3.04
(Accum Units)	£19.32	£19.08	-1.18	3.04
UK Index	148.34	154.52	-0.48	3.46
(Accum Units)	180.97	188.50	-0.59	3.46
UK Small Cos	108.27	112.78	-0.07	2.82
(Accum Units)	114.75	119.52	-0.08	2.82
US Smlr Cos	45.50	47.39	+0.10	0.65
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.46	51.61	+0.31	3.72
Equity Trust	58.96	62.79	+0.26	3.19
Equity Strategy	68.43	72.88	+0.37	1.39
European Opps	85.26	90.80	+0.01	0.92
UK Smaller Cos	59.85	63.74	+0.06	1.35
Maximum Inc	97.99	100.42		8.71
Japanese	73.23	77.90	+0.05	0.0
Asia Pacific	114.16	121.58	-0.53	1.26
American	98.23	104.82	-0.16	0.72
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.93	30.93	+0.01	5.333
UK General Inc	49.70	53.02	-0.10	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.85	68.08	-0.14	2.84
Intl Income	256.90	273.30†	-0.90	1.01
(Accum Units)	441.10	469.20†	-1.50	1.01
European	77.45	82.19	-0.48	1.47
Japan	65.69	69.61	-0.13	0.06
American	65.60	69.47†	-0.34	1.92
Far East	81.45	86.89	-0.32	0.76
Ethical Inc	28.39	30.37†	+0.01	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.08	34.31†	-0.15	2.90
High Inc Inc	34.56	36.85	-0.04	3.44

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Global Inc	38.04	40.52†	-0.13	[illegible]
Worldw Tact	[illegible]	71.98†	-0.10	[illegible]
Europe 2000 Tact	51.53	54.81	-0.76	[illegible]
Technology	[illegible]	112.13†	+1.01	1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	367.40	[illegible]	-1.20	[illegible]
American	254.30	270.30	-0.60	0.59
Pacific	361.60	388.30	-0.90	0.70
European	536.30	573.60	-1.50	[illegible]
Worldwide	84.41	90.26	-0.18	0.60
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	257.80	274.10†	-1.20	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	325.10	345.90†	-1.20	[illegible]
UK Sit Co Eq Inc	187.60	199.60†	-0.20	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	224.90	239.30	-0.20	[illegible]
Select Oppty Inc	83.30	87.71	-0.32	[illegible]
Income Plus Inc	68.46	72.93	-0.31	4.26
European Inc	336.70	358.20	-1.70	0.45
(Accum Units)	380.40	404.70	-1.70	0.45
Far Eastern Inc	165.20	175.60	-0.70	0.79
(Accum Units)	188.00	201.10	-0.70	0.79
Japanese Inc	58.38	62.11	-0.17	
Nth American Inc	237.40	252.60	-0.19	0.60
(Accum Units)	261.50	278.20	[illegible]	0.60
Intl Growth Inc	193.30	205.70†	-0.60	0.62
Wwide Venture Inc	75.97	80.82	-0.20	0.76
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 655 3724				
Equity Inc	350.00	372.30	-1.50	2.64
(Accum Units)	513.30	547.40	-1.70	2.64
UK High Inc	176.70	188.40	-0.60	3.82
(Accum Units)	255.10	272.00	-0.89	3.82
Europe Inc	356.50	[illegible]	-0.20	0.27
Nth Amer Inc	217.50	232.00	-2.50	
Global Inc	195.70	208.70	-0.30	0.25
UK Spec Sits Inc	92.69	98.86	-0.10	3.13
South East Asia	214.50	228.90	-1.10	0.26
Cash Trust Inc	100.80	100.80	+0.10	5.70
UK Smll Cos Inc	95.50	101.80	-0.10	2.15
(Accum Units)	97.66	104.20		2.15
Intl Bond Inc	88.35	91.79	-0.32	6.19
SEMPER GADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	141.40	148.50†	-3.90	1.49
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	122.50	129.40†	-0.10	0.35
Nth American	103.40	108.50†	-0.43	0.09
Intl Bond & Curr	115.60	126.10	-5.50	[illegible]
Pooled Pension (F)	176.20	189.50		2.30
Smaller Cos	70.70	74.40	-0.50	[illegible]
UK General	123.80	130.30	-0.20	[illegible]
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund	101.29		-0.20	
[illegible]	72.66		+0.57	
European	120.20		[illegible]	
Global Bonds	93.62		[illegible]	7.69
Samurai	68.39		-0.60	
UK Growth	99.21		-0.17	2.79
Tai Pans	98.92		-0.46	
UK Emerg Leaders	97.06		-0.62	1.45
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	302.00	319.60†		
Canadian	63.53	67.22	-0.29	1.02
Capital	117.90	126.20†	-0.30	1.40
Cash	101.51	101.51	-0.01	6.27
European	131.10	132.70	+0.30	0.72
Far Eastern	147.10	155.60		
Growth	128.60	136.10†	+0.40	1.01
Income	124.40	131.60	+0.60	5.76
Magnum	126.70	135.80	+0.40	1.40
Smlr Secs	360.40	381.30	+0.80	0.94
Thoroughbred	147.20	157.80†	+0.40	1.27
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	50.10	50.61		5.50
Charity Primace	53.29	56.84†	-0.13	8.10
Ethical	53.20	56.59	-0.06	3.00
European Growth	72.06	76.86	-0.24	2.80
Income	52.47	55.97	-0.13	6.00
Intl Growth	96.29	102.70	-0.10	3.00
Managed	80.27	85.62	-0.20	3.80
UK Growth	80.09	83.03†	-0.10	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.99	39.21†	+0.10	1.84
Global Advtg Acc	39.66	42.04	+0.10	1.84
Income Advtg Inc	30.73	32.58	+0.10	4.08
Income Advtg Acc	33.73	35.76	+0.20	4.08
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.62	66.38	+0.40	1.39
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.10	52.17	+0.10	1.65
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.22	37.43	+0.20	4.03
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.63	46.36	+0.30	4.03
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.37	64.15	+0.20	2.31
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.65	47.45	+0.20	2.31
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.02	31.75	-0.20	6.19
Overs Lrg Co Acc	301.60	327.30	+0.60	1.74
Nth American Acc	44.33	47.11	-0.10	0.86
Far East Acc	64.80	68.85	-0.10	0.24
European Acc	51.82	55.06	+0.10	0.89
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.834	3.899		0.56
US Eqts (US$)	2.403	2.551		0.70
Far East Eqts (yen)	228.40	242.60		
Japan Eqties (yen)	214.90	228.30		
FT Europe	123.00	130.60		1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.826	1.937		0.96
FT Japan (yen)	212.10	225.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.292	2.435		1.05
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	370.50	394.50	+1.30	
British #	965.70	£10.21	-0.10	4.22
Emrging Mkts	137.40	146.30	-0.60	
European	512.30	547.30	+3.00	0.63
Japan	139.90	148.60	+0.30	
New Pacific	362.80	387.50	-3.10	0.75
(Accum Units)	382.40	408.40	-3.30	0.75
Inv Trust Acc	245.30	260.00	-0.80	0.92
Mngd Equity	165.40	175.00	-0.40	1.45
Mngd Cash	95.80	95.80	+0.03	5.40
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 389				
Equity	784.80	839.40†	-3.40	3.06
North America	121.80	130.40†	-0.50	1.15
Far East	137.30	146.80†	-0.40	0.17
Wwide Bond	55.65	59.08	-0.34	5.10
European	102.30	109.40		
Equity Income	86.94	92.34	-0.45	4.25
Portfolio	82.52	88.26	-0.33	1.28
UK Leading Cos	58.15	62.03	-0.36	3.04
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	63.66	68.00	+0.13	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.36	35.68	-0.14	0.82
Managed Assets	122.46	130.98†	-0.66	2.88
UK Income	39.39	42.13	-0.10	3.31
UK Growth	37.77	40.40	-0.17	2.58
Worldwide Growth	33.97	36.34	-0.31	0.79
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	46.60	49.58		
Cap Protector Inc	41.82	44.51		2.68
UK Income Inc	48.93	52.33†		3.17
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.14	34.37†		3.67
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.85	83.41		4.21
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.31	77.34		3.36
UK Smaller Cos	32.42	34.67		1.90
Pacific Gth Port	44.09	47.16†		0.38
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 01264 346 794				
American	204.16	216.04	-0.32	
(Accum Units)	224.87	237.96	-0.35	
Brit Growth	92.47	97.85	-0.36	2.16
(Accum Units)	111.27	117.75	-0.43	2.16
European	101.66	107.57†	-0.30	0.69
(Accum Units)	108.10	114.39†	-0.32	0.69
Extra Income	186.91	197.79	-0.35	4.38
(Accum Units)	317.16	335.62	-0.60	4.38
Smaller Cos	67.56	71.49	+0.09	1.67
(Accum Units)	75.78	80.19	+0.10	1.67
General	268.27	283.89†	-1.24	2.49
(Accum Units)	556.30	587.62	-2.58	2.49
Premier Income	47.73	49.72†	-0.19	6.46
(Accum Units)	109.08	113.81†	-0.43	6.46
Income	318.52	337.06	-0.46	4.01
(Accum Units)	698.40	739.04	-1.01	4.01
Pacific	388.20	410.79	-0.84	
(Accum Units)	407.90	431.64	-0.88	
International	511.32	541.08	-1.21	0.30
(Accum Units)	672.35	711.48	-1.60	0.30
Nat Resources	145.38	153.84	-1.28	
Stwd Opps	181.25	192.14	-0.14	1.55
(Accum Units)	128.69	136.40	-0.17	1.55
Environmental Inv	60.20	63.71†	-0.19	1.87
Selector	59.62	63.09	-0.10	2.30
(Accum Units)	67.24	71.16	-0.12	2.30
High Income	62.08	65.70†	-0.07	4.78
(Accum Units)	79.08	83.70†	-0.09	4.78
Intl Income	56.98	60.30	-0.27	5.06
(Accum Units)	70.05	74.13	-0.33	5.06
Selector Income	58.98	62.41	-0.17	4.91
(Accum Units)	69.27	73.30	-0.19	4.91
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British	314.30	330.80	-1.20	2.85
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Glob Growth Inc	197.60	211.34†	-0.29	1.53
Glob Balncd Inc	168.66	180.39	-0.04	3.18
Value Tst Inc	118.17	126.38	+0.01	1.57
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 246 3000 Dealing: 0171 246 3001				
Dresdner Eur Bd	40.30	42.32	-0.08	6.12
European Growth	267.13	283.12	-1.23	0.90
Exempt	509.17	532.25	-2.08	3.00
Global Em Mkts	83.59	89.16	-0.39	0.77
Japan Tst	74.70	79.33	-0.14	
Little Dragons	84.31	89.93	-0.27	
Nth Amer Gwth	227.79	242.63	-0.64	0.65
Oriental Income	43.31	46.19	-0.13	1.46
Preference	126.01	134.77	+0.35	8.71
Tiger	264.14	281.74	-0.99	
(Accum Units)	277.51	296.01	-1.01	
UK Blue Chip	59.84	63.81	-0.36	3.10
UK Growth	488.77	520.80	-2.20	2.29
UK High Yield	99.08	105.96	-0.18	3.61
(Accum Units)	321.49	343.83	-0.59	3.61
UK Mid-Cap	240.96	257.71	+0.37	2.09
UK Smlr Cos	97.52	104.29	+0.35	1.13
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UK Equity Growth	84.55	89.95	-0.19	2.52
European	68.44	72.81	-0.24	1.02
Nth American	67.69	72.01	-0.13	1.22
Far Eastern	67.84	72.17	+0.04	0.30
Money	67.18	67.18†	+0.02	4.27
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Index Linked Gilt	64.55	68.67	-0.26	1.35
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Pacific Basin	42.08	44.76	-0.44	
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Penny Share	32.79	34.88	-0.05	..
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 600 0462				
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Short Dtd Gilt	110.50	112.00	-0.20	...
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Gilt Income	49.00	50.39	-0.32	7.75
Gilt Growth	69.13	71.95	-0.68	
Ccy Reserve	52.06	52.07†	-0.01	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.78	50.41		1.27
UK Stockmarket	76.03	80.87	..	2.60

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

Office World — a cash saver for small firms

BY SALLY WATTS

A SHOP in Reading, Berkshire, set up to supply stationery to small businesses has grown into a 32-store chain with branches across England in just over four years.

Simon Fox, a former management consultant, established the first Office World in 1990. In the last few weeks of 1994 new branches started at Bradford, Cambridge, Harlow, Manchester and Taunton. The first opening out of 20 planned for 1995 will be at Southampton next month, and the aim is to increase the chain to 100 branches in the next three years.

Office World aimed at small businesses by buying in bulk and selling at heavy discounts. Each store stocks more than 5,000 lines, including business machines, stationery, office furniture and accessories, at up to 50 per cent below normal retail prices. Some goods have brand names, others are own-brand.

All the warehouse-type stores are sited on the edge of town and cover between 10,000 and 15,000 square feet. They open seven days a week.

Mr Fox spotted that the increasing numbers of small firms, self-employed people and home-based teleworkers would need economically priced business equipment. "I saw an opportunity to reduce the huge end cost to users, many of them small companies with fewer than ten employees." His stores, he believes, can make it possible for businesses to save up to £200 per employee per year. Prices include ring-binders at 65p and a black, high-back leather chair at £73.99p.

Using the 100-page twice-yearly catalogue, owner-managers can order by phone and have the goods delivered next day, free of charge for orders above £50.

Mr Fox also offers a range of business services, such as fax, photocopying, laminating and binding. Most of his stores now do printing, including packs of headed notepaper and other business stationery.

The stores at Exeter and Luton are working on an experimental *post restante* mail service for small businesses that are not permanently manned, or do not have an impressive address.



"It's from my bank manager"

Drape expectations

BY ALAN JABEZ

AS FURNISHING a house usually costs several thousand pounds, Juliana Galvin and Liz Meston, saw a gap in the market for second-hand curtains and established The Curtain Exchange.

It was 1990 and the country was gripped by recession, so they believed people would be willing to buy high-quality used curtains at much lower prices than new ones. They rented a tiny shop in their home village of Boxford, near the Suffolk-Essex border. Then they contacted family and friends to see if they had curtains to sell and, along with others from their own houses, they set up shop.

Mrs Galvin, a mother of six, said: "We knew that if we could make £100 a week, we could just about cover our expenses." They began without a phone, relying on friends and personal contacts to attract customers.

They were soon inundated by people who wanted them to sell their old curtains, while a growing number of housebuyers came to buy at reasonable prices. They offered sellers 70 per cent of the gross sale price, minus the cost of any repairs and cleaning needed.

As sales grew, the women looked further afield for curtains and struck lucky in London. They bought an old van and contacted hotels, house removers and interior decorators. They took the curtains without giving deposits, telling people they would send them 70 per cent of the sale, with a proviso that if the curtains remained unsold after six months, they would be given to charity.

As stock and sales continued to rise, they moved to larger premises in Suffolk, with a more prominent location. This created even more interest. In particular, they were contacted by people who wanted to copy the idea elsewhere.

As a result, there are now eight franchised Curtain Exchanges from Glasgow to Somerset, all run by women. Mrs Galvin and Mrs Meston provide back-up and a steady flow of stock and retain 4 per cent of each shop's takings.

The two are keen that each shop maintains a strong company identity and they arrange meetings for all the franchise holders every few months. Turnover in the shops varies considerably. At their Suffolk outlet, it ranges from £2,000 to £20,000 a month, whereas at their London locations, they sometimes achieve a monthly turnover of more than £50,000.

To increase turnover, they have added cushions, bedspreads, valances, headboards and tie-backs to their stock.

Having established the company name, the two have increased their commission to 40 per cent for each sale (50 per cent for goods priced under £100). However, with more outlets and expertise, they can now sometimes assure a sale in a matter of days of goods being received.

ALAN JABEZ



Juliana Galvin, left, and Liz Meston provide stock to franchised shops

A business investment loan with a discount of three percentage points in the first year has been introduced by Lloyds Bank. The repayment period on loans of between £15,001 and £100,000 is five to ten years. John Spence, head of business banking at Lloyds, said: "In its latest report, the Bank of England calls for greater incentivisation from banks to customers who have achieved good business results or written good business plans. This loan is specifically available to customers in that category."

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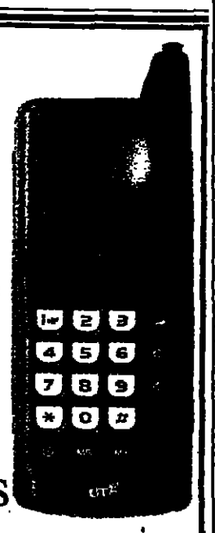
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VISUAL ART: **Richard Cork** on the Hayward's tribute to gifted and tragic Yves Klein; plus other new London shows

Shocking blue unfaded by time

Of all the spectacular shocks delivered by modern artists, perhaps the most dramatic occurred on a March evening in 1960. At ten o'clock, a hundred smartly-dressed guests arrived at the luxurious Galerie Internationale d'Art Contemporain in Paris. Few of them could have guessed at the astonishment in store. Any suspicions they may have harboured were lulled as the members of a small string orchestra entered with three singers. Their solemnity was impeccable as they sat down, at the side of a large stage area covered with fresh white paper, and waited for the proceedings to begin.

The air of decorum did not last long. True, Yves Klein wore a tuxedo and white tie when he came in and bowed. But, as the orchestra started playing his *Monotone Symphony*, the audience gasped. A trio of nude women, each carrying buckets of blue paint, walked to the centre of the stage. Obeying Klein's instructions, two of them smeared their bodies with paint and then pressed themselves repeatedly against a large paper sheet hung on the wall. By adopting different positions and climbing pedestals, they covered the pristine surface with a rhythmic sequence of images. Then the third woman was dragged across the stage, her equally splattered body besmirching its whiteness with arabesques of colour.

Klein, like a conductor, directed each movement with precise arm gestures. But the audience's attention was monopolised by the nudes. Their brazenly exposed and pigment-stained flesh, combined with the smudges and splashes left in their wake, incensed many of the spectators. Outrage dominated reaction to the event, especially when the press published photographs and blew it up into the ultimate art scandal.

Klein himself cannot have been surprised by the furore. He had, after all, aroused controversy before, with his well-promoted exhibitions of all-blue paintings and sponge sculptures. But the 1960 performance ignited an outbreak of hostility far more vehement and widespread than anything he had provoked earlier. He found himself branded a publicity-seeking charlatan. And when Gualtiero Jacopetti sensationalised the body-painting event in his film *Mondo Cane*, Klein was so upset by the distorted editing that it contributed to his first heart attack. He died only a month later, aged 34, and plagued by the belief that his work had not been treated with the seriousness it deserved.

No such accusation can be levelled at the organisers of *Klein's retrospective at the* Hayward Gallery. A film of the notorious 1960 performance is relayed on a screen, certainly. But it is confined to a discreet corner of a large room, where monumental paintings executed during similar body-painting sessions command our attention.

Watching the film, I was struck by the disarming propriety of the event rather than its legendary shamelessness. The nudes all move with conspicuous deftness, even though they rub themselves against the paper in a sensuous way.

> ‘Klein turned transient moments into lasting images’

More like a well-rehearsed ballet than a spontaneous happening, it is orchestrated so rigorously that everything takes on a grave, ritualised character.

One eyewitness, the artist David Medalla, was reminded of prehistoric cave-paintings, and Pierre Restany's critical text on the invitation to the 1960 performance claimed that Klein's bodyprints had a 40,000-year kinship with the anonymous handprints found on the cavernous walls at Altamira and Lascaux.

Klein would have warmed to these connections. Like many 20th-century innovators, he wanted to purge art of anything that threatened to compromise its essential potency. He aimed at distillation, but without sacrificing immediacy. The body-paintings at the Hayward present the simplified imprints of torsos with primeval directness, at times reminiscent of figure-carvings as ancient as the swollen-bellied Venus of Willendorf. They heighten our awareness of physical experience, and present it in frieze-like images with a religious aura.

Alongside his urge to expose human bodies in all their nakedness, Klein was guided by a strong spiritual sensibility. Growing up in Nice, he became acutely receptive to the sky's uninterrupted blueness. One day, lying on a beach, he decided to focus on the infinity of the colour stretching far above him. It appealed to the meditative side of his complex temperament, and led quite logically to the moment, in 1949, when he made his first monochrome paintings.

It happened in London, where the 21-year-old Klein was working in a frame shop. The sight of pure, unmixed pigments fascinated him, and he decided that their piercing intensity should somehow be preserved and celebrated in his own paintings.

That is why the first rooms at the Hayward are devoted to canvases of a single colour. The superb installation, one of the finest I have seen at the gallery, brings out their remarkable luminosity. Klein became convinced that "there is a living world of colour", and these monochromes cleanse our vision so successfully that we seem to be experiencing greens, purples, and violets as if for the first time. Most are far smaller than his later paintings, but even the most modest canvases sing out forcefully from the walls. Nothing impedes their singleminded concentration on the potency of undiluted colour, apart from one unusually wide picture, where the expanse of orange is disrupted, in one corner, by Klein's intertwined initials and the date: May 1955. However delicate his handwriting may seem, it still upsets the equilibrium of the painting as a whole. Working with rollers rather than brushes, he eradicates individual mark-making in favour of a more impersonal reliance on the allure of colour itself.

Although plenty of painters have explored this avenue since then, Klein's pioneering commitment to absolute abstraction still looks strikingly pure and thorough-going. It has a serenity quite at odds with his reputation as a scandal-monger, proving that stillness and limpidity were his fundamental qualities. With a steady certitude surprising in one so young, he then decided to discard every colour save one. His strongest affinity had always been with deep ultramarine, and so he dedicated himself to the patented lustre of International Klein Blue.

The roomful of blue paintings at the Hayward provides the show with its most absorbing space. A lesser artist might easily have descended into monotony, but each picture possesses a character of its own. Using dry pigment in synthetic resin, and relying on wood as the support for his plaster or fabric, Klein gave the paintings a very tactile presence. They tempt us to touch the ridges running through them like the uneven surface of a dark, enigmatic planet. One of the most memorable is a cluster of painted blue rods, suspended from the ceiling like rain lancing through space.

Later on, Klein experimented with images that included traces of real rain, as well as wind and plant forms. He called them *Cosmogonies*, and hoped that their reliance on natural forces would give his work an even greater sense of inevitability. They look oddly hesitant and tame, however, compared with the work when Klein imposes his own will. A reconstruction of the *Forest of Sponges*, first installed at the Galerie Iris Clert in 1959, is far livelier. The sponge sculptures, saturated with his trademark blue pigment, spring up from their stone bases with an unexpectedly playful swagger. They reminded me of Miró, and prove that Klein's purist obsession with unalloyed colour was the work of a man also prepared to deploy a quirky sense of humour.

Teasing plays its part in his celebrated *Leap into the Void*, the performance piece that provides the exhibition with its impulsive subtitle. Although we know that eight sturdy members of Klein's judo club caught him in a tarpaulin, the cleverly doctored photograph shows Klein jumping unsupported from the ledge of a building. It resembles a suicide leap, even if Klein displays all the agility of a highly respected black-belt judo teacher. But the zest with which he propels himself into space seems more positive than despairing. Caught by the camera at the moment when he appears to rise in the air, Klein looks buoyed up by the wild hope that he might flout gravity and fly.

Viewed with hindsight, *Leap into the Void* may seem to provide a grim foretaste of his premature end only two years later. Klein, however, harboured no deathwish. He probably drove himself too hard, and conveyed in his fire paintings a fascination with destructive forces. Even so, the point about his experiments with a flame torch, when he burnt charred and smoking images into the lava-like surfaces of his panels, lies ultimately in their power to transform.

Throughout all the multifaceted strands of his brief yet inventive career, Klein pursued renewal rather than extinction. On the evidence of this lucidly ordered survey, he managed to turn the most transient of moments into lasting images.

● Yves Klein: Leap into the Void *at the Hayward Gallery, SE1 (0171-928 8800), until April 23*

SACHA CRADDOCK





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"A commitment to absolute abstraction": *Untitled Shroud Anthropometry* (above) is a famous example of Yves Klein's combination of a naked woman and body-paint, as in the notorious anthropometry display in Paris in 1960 (top); Klein, with blowtorch, composes one of his fire paintings

AROUND THE GALLERIES

TERRY SMITH has made a literal intervention into the Adam Gallery by cutting the converse or reverse imprint of a pillar out of the plaster on the wall. The top of a column in one corner is affectionately and painstakingly delineated while another architectural detail is carefully drawn, but placed across the wall in the other room. The white paint that covers the pebbledash wallpaper of this quiet, unassuming gallery is disrupted only by this patently handmade interaction, and the piles of rubble that lie beneath. *Adam Gallery, 62 Walcot Square, London SE11 (0171-582 1260) until Feb 25*

☐ FILLED with the expectation of performance, subsumed with the soft promise of inevitable escape: the interiors, curtains, lighting and "ambience" of the proper big screen are brought to you by Bridget Smith's huge colour photographs. Light plays upon the uniform folds of mauve, blue and yellowing velvets and satins to make shallow seas of contrast. Screen curtains at the Empire, Odeon and Curzon cinemas have been photographed straight on. Frills and ruffles of pelmet and flounce build up to frame a vision of anticipation, while light picks out a rhythm of empty chairs. *Entwistle, 37 Old Bond Street, London W1 (0171-499 5795) until March 18*

☐ THE most straightforward of the "4 Projects" is by Fiona Banner, whose handwritten word-for-word account of the lunar landing in 1969 makes an effective silent sound-piece, and whose storyboard of the same moment steers us compellingly through the experience. Most of the works, though, are visually unrewarding, and function rather like puzzles. *Frith Street Gallery, 60 Frith Street, London W1 (0171-494 1550) until March 4*

☐ GEOFFREY RIGDEN'S paintings are an accumulation of experience. Layers of understanding about early Modernist painting seem to build up a sense of assurance and confidence that lies, not so much in a display of the activity, but in the result. His pictures are small and self-contained and carry no obvious reference to actuality or continuity elsewhere. Instead of appearing to be pastiche they function fundamentally. *Cavafy* is a spare black painting reminiscent of topographical works, in which the view shifts round and up from the front. There are also a number of constructions that have a reality which lacks the excellent level of illusion in the paintings. *Francis Graham Dixon Gallery, 17-18 Great Sutton Street, London EC1 (0171-250 1962) until March 11*

SACHA CRADDOCK

DANCE: A new talent goes half-way

Come-to-bed lies

Bunty Matthias
Queen Elizabeth Hall

BUNTY MATTHIAS comes with an impressive CV. Trained at the London School of Contemporary Dance; principal dancer with Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Company in New York; stints with choreographer Twyla Tharp and film director Spike Lee. With Doris Saatchi as her company's patron, she has the right connections, too. And a healthy following — witness three sold-out shows at the South Bank last weekend.

But what about the work? Does her new piece, *You Want My Wont*, deserve its considerable hype? The answer is — not yet. With a first half that establishes Matthias as a choreographer possessed of some stimulating ideas, and a second half that finds her descending into a safety net of generic step-building, *You Want My Wont* fails to sustain itself as an evening of accomplished dancemaking.

The ingredients are designed to please: a subject-matter that explores sexual greed; music (including a commissioned score from Soul) JJ Soul producer Jazzie B) with a funky coolness; costumes (from trendy outfitters New RenaisCAnce) that hide nothing. We are in a flesh market, where sampled moans of sexual pleasure and projected images of erotic arousal set the scene. Dancers (three men and four women) exude narcissistic self-absorption, caressing their own bodies, luxuriating in the awakening of each muscle, readying themselves for the sex act.

The movements are both graceful and primitive: dancers crouch in a kind of animalistic sexual expectation; pelvises are thrust skywards in crude poses; the partnering is rough and impersonal. The monochromy of the silvered costumes, so tight they could be spray-painted on to the dancers' bodies, suggests the participants are as cold as metal, their suits of armour protecting them against emotional involvement. The brightly coloured rubber banners that link them imply bondage, but there are no apparent victims in these couplings. Everyone knows what they want, and everyone appears to be getting it.

By the second half, though, choreographic intention is not so clear. The performance poet Efua Baker (a voodoo priestess, a Matthias alter ego?) delivers a fractured, repetitive rap monologue about power and desire. The performers, including Matthias, cover more space than before. The choreography starts to flow; the partnering is more supportive; the sexual connotation less blatant. The sustained streetwise energy of the dancers is impressive, but the steps themselves have a deadening familiarity — the lifts predictable, the spiralling turns and intermittent jetés as regimented as a classroom exercise.

Still, failing to capitalise on her own strengths is not such a sin for a 30-year-old choreographer who has just made her "third serious piece". Let us hope that time and experience will now bring her ideas into sharper focus.

DEBRA CRAINE



Bunty Matthias: does not capitalise on her strengths

CONCERTS: Expert interpretations of a symphony and chamber music by Shostakovich

Learnt from a pupil

Philharmonia/ Sanderling
Festival Hall

ONE CANNOT but be struck by the contrasting stage presences and musical sensibilities of Kurt Sanderling and Mitsuko Uchida: he all ursine cragginess, she the embodiment of feline grace. When I last heard them together in concert, last June in Brahms's First Piano Concerto, it seemed to me that there was an unbridgeable — or at least unbridged — gulf between them.

That the gulf is not unbridgeable in the right repertoire was proved in Sunday night's concert by the Philharmonia (in fine form) under Sanderling, in which he was joined by Uchida for Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 2. Uchida's playing was as exquisitely poised, as sensitively attuned to nuance as ever. But this time Sanderling was on the same wavelength, accommodating himself to the pianist's delicacy with a genial reading of Beethoven's early concerto.

Not that Uchida's playing is ever remotely spineless. Indeed, with its rhythmic tautness and crispness of phrasing it has an underlying strength that enabled sparks to be struck off Sanderling's similarly alert accompaniment. The close of the Adagio brought them together in a ravishingly conjured atmosphere of spell-binding stillness.

Geniality is hardly the keynote of Shostakovich's last symphony, No 15 in A, in spite of its perky opening flute tune, its tinkling carillon chimes and its tongue-in-cheek quotations from the *William Tell* overture.

With the Adagio, however, the sky begins to darken. Brass announce a funeral procession (admirably sustained by the Philharmonia players) and later in the movement one hears the sinister raps of a woodblock. Shostakovich's pupil Galina Ustvolskaya habitually used the sound of a hammer-struck wooden cube to symbolise pain, grief, alienation and the like. Having heard the effect in two of Ustvolskaya's compositions in the early evening concert, one responded with new ears. The timbre returns at the close of the Allegretto third movement of the Shostakovich, where the toyshop sounds have a distinctly less friendly quality. In the Adagio finale, the quotations have become a Wagnerian fate motif, and a yearning fragment from *Tristan und Isolde* that spirals into insouciance on each appearance. As the symphony drew to its close, Sanderling and his forces perfectly caught the sense of passion transmuted into serenity, of acceptance of the buffetings of a life soon to be transcended.

The earlier concert offered two works by Ustvolskaya given by members of the Philharmonia under the capable baton of James MacMillan: the Symphony No 5 (*Amen*), in which a reciter (Brian Cox) plangently declaims the Lord's Prayer against a spare, elegiac background provided by five solo instruments, and the Composition No 2 (*Dies Irae*), receiving its British premiere, which sets eight double basses against a piano and the ubiquitous plywood cube.

Both works are austere in the extreme: barely intelligible, although undeniably impressive, utterances from one of the most rigorously ascetic composers active today.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Taking a golden bow

Borodin Quartet
Wigmore Hall

SOME ensembles fade into complacency with age. But 50 years after its founding the Borodin Quartet — seemingly a perpetually self-renewing organism (only Valentin Berlinksy, the cellist, remains from the original line-up) — still plays every piece as though it were newly discovered. On Friday, in the last of three celebratory master concerts at the Wigmore Hall, the quartet devoted itself to music by its compatriots.

The opener was Borodin's Second Quartet, the quartet's natural calling-card whose *Notturno* movement is also that famous tune from *Kismet*. If, over the years, the group might have become wearied by this exotic number's charms, no such thing showed itself in this glowing and immediate account. In fact the entire work glowed, the quartet's rich tone and wide range of colours going hand-in-hand with clear phrasing and balance.

That comes, no doubt, from the fact that the quartet exercises itself not just with Shostakovich's demandingly spare quartet textures but also with such music as Stravinsky's Three Pieces of 1922. These are tart, terse gestures, the first, *Dance*, an ever-revolving four-note tune heard over a drone and an ostinato bass, the next, *Eccentric*, a lurching little comedy act inspired by a sight of the clown Little Titch in performance, and the last, *Chant*, a severe and solemn incantation. The placement of every tiny inflection has to be exactly right: and here it certainly was.

The Borodins turned to Shostakovich after the interval, although not to one of the quartets for which they have done so much. Instead, the pianist Eliso Virsaladze joined them for the Piano Quintet, Op 57, of 1940.

Here the relationship between the two principal parties was dynamic, helped not least by Virsaladze's sheer strength and depth of sound, and by a commitment measured, sometimes, with a slightly distracting grunting noise. No matter. Whether in the neo-Baroque opening Prelude and the slow, severe Fugue which follows, or in the galloping exuberance of the Scherzo and that typically double-edged finale, this was again music-making that really counted.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

DESIGN FOR LIVING. Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico join Rachel Weisz for the transfer of Sean Mathias's award-winning Donmar production of Coward's *ménage à trois* comedy.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens Feb 20.

CELL MATES. First night of previews for Rik Mayall and Stephen Fry as Sean Bourke and George Blake, the very odd couple together in Wormwood Scrubs and Moscow. Simon Gray directs his own play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs.

ZORRO — THE MUSICAL: Opening night for the masked swashbuckler of comics legend, returning to twirl his cape in Ken Hill's latest (and sadly last) musical romp.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Mar 2, 2pm and Mar 11 and 18, 3pm. Until Mar 18.

ELSEWHERE

BAGNOR: The famous tale of a fond schoolmaster, **Goodbye Mr Chips**, adapted for the stage by Norman Coates, with Roger "Old Herbaceous" Hume in the lead. A seven-week tour follows.
Watermill (01635 46044). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

BIRMINGHAM: Matthias Bamert is the **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra**'s guest conductor tonight and Thursday for a programme of Mozart and Bruckner, while the **Novosibirsk Philharmonic** appears between the two with works from Richard Strauss, Shostakovich and Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. Arnold Katz conducts. If you are instead more in the mood for big-band, high-energy dance numbers, then don't miss **Hot Shoe Shuffle**, the tap sensation now on tour.
Symphony Hall, Broad Street (0121-212 3333). CBSO: tonight and Thurs, 7.30pm. *Novosibirsk*: Wed, 8pm. **Alexandra**, Suffolk Street (0121-643 1231). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

BRIGHTON: Terence Donovan takes over from Ron Moody as the dastardly Hook in **Peter Pan - The British Musical**, a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson. Nicola Stapleton is the boy who never grows up; start of a national tour after Christmas in the West End.
Theatre Royal, New Road (01273 328488). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs-Sat, 2.30pm.

NOTTINGHAM: Opera North opens a week of performances here with John Tomlinson directing and taking the lead in Verdi's rarely performed first opera, *Oberto*. Matthew Warchus directs another long-neglected piece, William Walton's *Troilus and Cressida* and a memorable *Tosca* makes two appearances as well.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Square (0115 482626). *Oberto*: tonight and Sat; *Tosca*: Wed and Fri; *Troilus*: Thurs. All at 7.15pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) .. **British Museum:** Chinese Arms and Armour, until Wed; Mexican Gallery (0171-636 1555) . **Courtauld:** Frank Dobson. Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) ... **Crafts Council:** Furniture Today: Design and Craft (071-278 7700) . . **National Gallery:** The Age of Elegance; Holbein: Portrait of Erasmus (0171-839 3321) . **Royal Academy:** The Revival of the Palladian Style (0171-439 7438) . **Serpentine:** Man Ray (0171-402 6075) **Tate:** New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . **V & A:** Warworks. Women, Photography and the Art of War (0171-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **BEARING FRUIT:** Deborah Paige directs five short plays by women. The authors are Hanan Al-Shaykh, Helen Edmundson, Lavinia Murray, Meredith Oakes and Sara Sugarman.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm.

□ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **THE DANCE OF DEATH:** Strindberg's impassioned, sometimes comic, view of marriage as hell. Subtle characterisation by Gemma Jones and John Neville.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (0171-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

□ **DANGEROUS CORNER:** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm. Until Mar 11.

◪ **THE DUCHESS OF MALFI:** With Juliet Stevenson as the victimised heroine and Simon Russell Beale her sadistic twin brother, this production (by Philip Franks) promises to be electrifying.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 25.

◪ **EASTER:** Strindberg's drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant joy in nature and the freedom of springtime. Katie Mitchell directs.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm.

□ **FULL MOON:** Jon Strickland plays the hero of Caradog Prichard's powerful and haunting semi-autobiographical novel, set in the slatemine districts of North Wales. Helena Kaut-Howson's Theatr Clwyd production.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 4.

□ **THE LIVE BED SHOW:** Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.

□ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). With Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

■ **PORTRAIT OF A WOMAN:** Michel Vinaver's murder-trial drama where figures from the past of the accused (Lucy Tregear) try to fit her crime into some re-assuring system of cause and effect. Sam Walters directs.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (0181-940 3633). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 18.

□ **TWO WEEKS WITH THE QUEEN:** Play for family audiences adapted from Morris Gleitzman's excellent story of a 12-year-old boy who learns about death and the value of family love. Ayckbourn's staging gives it a touch of caricature but the compassion comes across.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Today and tomorrow, 2.30 and 7.30pm.

LONG RUNNERS

□ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (0171-930 8800) . . □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (0171-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (0171-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (0171-405 0072) ... □ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (0171-839 5972) . . □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (0171-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (0171-494 5070) . . □ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (0171-494 5045) . . ◪ **Grease:** Dominion (0171-416 6060) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (0171-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (0171-494 5400) . □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . . □ **My Night With Reg:** Criterion (0171-839 4488) . . □ **Neville's Island:** Apollo (0171-494 5070) ... ■ **Oliver!:** Palladium (0171-494 5020) . . □ **On Approval:** Playhouse (0171-839 4401) □ **Only the Lonely:** Piccadilly (0171-369 1734) ... ◪ **A Passionate Woman:** Comedy (0171-369 1731) □ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (0171-836 8888) . . ◪ **The Sisters Rosensweig:** Old Vic, until Feb 25 (0171-928 7616) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (0171-828 8665) . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (0171-344 0055) ■ **Three Tall Women:** Wyndhams, until Mar 18 (0171-369 1736) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (0171-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DALLAS DOLL (18): Golf guru Sandra Bernhard liberates the Sydney suburbs. A botched affair, writer-director Ann Turner.
Metro (071-437 0757)

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18): Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

SOLITAIRE FOR 2 (15): Body-language lecturer pursues archaeologist with ESP. Awkward comedy from *Pig Farmer* co-director Gary Sinyor. With Mark Frankel and Amanda Pays.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG): Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Patrick Stewart Picard meets William Shatner. David Carson directs.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley.
MGM Haymarket (0171-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15): Mike Newell's smart social comedy with Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell.
Odeon Mezzanine (01426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins, Bridget Fonda, Matthew Broderick. Director, Alan Parker.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
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◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. With James Woods, Eric Roberts, Rod Steiger. Director, Luis Llosa.
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THEATRE: W.H. Auden and Tennyson get the life-and-times treatment with diverse results

Poetry in double motion

Strictly Entre Nous
BAC, Battersea



MARILYN KINGWILL

Halves of a whole: Dudley Sutton and Rupert Holliday-Evans sharing the role of the riven writer Auden

YEARS ago I conceived the idea of writing a one-man play about W.S. Gilbert, a curmudgeonly wit who has never had adequate recognition as a dramatist. It was to open on the day of his death, and consist of lots of reminiscence and funny one-liners, punctuated by snippets of patter-song and (for he died rather heroically) ending with a bit of uplift. I even had an actor pencilled in for it, though I never spoilt his supper by telling him so: the admirable Timothy West.

An evening with W.H. Auden at the BAC leaves me thanking God I did not assay anything so depressingly conventional. Nobody has yet fully cracked the problem of dramatising a writer's "life, times and loves" — to quote the subtitle of *Strictly Entre Nous* — but Vince Foxall tackles it with imagination and verve enough to shame his competitors. He, too, begins and ends on the day of his subject's death, and keeps a rough chronological hold on his life; but that is all his play has in common with the plodding and-then-and-then of most theatrical biographies.

The very opening wryly signals that we will get something different. Dudley Sutton's podgy Auden trudges into a dreary-looking hotel room, mumbles something into the phone, puts on his dark glasses and exits, upon which the house-lights come up, as if for a vastly premature interval. The audience titters nervously as, after a longish pause, the actor returns via the auditorium to a podium at the side of the stage. He starts to address what he tells us is the Austrian Literary Society in dry, sardonic style. Meanwhile, on comes a fresh-faced Rupert Holliday-Evans as the youthful Wystan, and we are under way.

The gains of casting two actors as one writer, and especially this very riven writer, are considerable. Young Auden can be articulately appalled by what he is becoming, and elderly Auden, who feels he has lost his professional and personal powers, can talk enviously and angrily back. Each can also switch effortlessly into supporting roles: dim father, eccentric headmaster, effete Oxford don, Christopher Isherwood and assorted other lovers and lovees. And every now and then dialogue can escalate into poetry, usually bits unfamiliar to me.

It is snappy, sometimes hectic stuff, which at first makes too many demands on the audience's wits. But that is a welcome fault in this genre. Again, the actors could do more to acknowledge Auden's dark side, and Sutton his physical dereliction as he smoked and slobbered his way to his end. But by then we have seen plenty of evidence of his precociousness and preciosity, his confusions both professional and private, his capacity for mockery and self-mockery, his feelings of failure and futility. The dramatic scraps and snippets add up to a man.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Verse and worse

Dark Glory
Nuffield, Southampton

WHAT are we supposed to make of Steve Gooch's play about the young Tennyson? He subtitles it "A Celebration of the Imagination", which is far easier said than done. True, we see him in a punt at Cambridge wondering whether to submit his poem *Timbuctoo* for the Chancellor's Medal; members of his family occasionally step forward and recite bits of *In Memoriam*, usually when some phrase can be thought to connect to his gloom. Repeated mention is made of the confines of life in Somersby rectory, though of his ten brothers and sisters we meet only opium-eating Charles and the spirited Emmie, who brings her harp to a picnic where no one persuades her to play.

There is also Arthur Hallam, Tennyson's golden-haired and brilliant soulmate, dead at 23, played here by Julian Rhind-Tutt with a verve and easygoing conversational charm that make his attraction for the self-doubting Alfred (and Emmie too) entirely credible. He dies before the interval but reappears as a ghost, offering advice on social matters and urging Alfred to Choose. The capital C is almost palpable, but what he has to Choose between is never made clear.

The conflict between science and religion offers itself as a possibility, but the only dilemma theatrically represented is whether to wed an innocent child or a voluptuous temptress. He decides instead to grow a beard and marry a woman of determined Christian faith. Both seem unwise, but one cannot be sure.

Patrick Sandford stages all this on a mysteriously spongy floor which might represent the Lincolnshire fens or the uncertain skin of our phenomenal world. Running water is a regular sound-effect, but there is no telling what this means either. The finally-married Alfred visits Hallam's tomb to the accompaniment of distant waves, but you have to read in the programme that this location inspired "Break, Break, Break, on thy cold grey stones, O Sea!"

Gooch does not discover a theatrical expression for young Tennyson's uncertainty other than to show him doggedly determined in the face of setbacks. Nicholas Gleaves looks dourly handsome, and it is good to hear well-known lines spoken in dialect instead of a poetry recital's RP. But where the workings of the imagination are concerned, how much better to have seen him pacing the sponge and muttering "Dark and dismal? Dim and dismal? Dank? Drear? Dark and doleful", instead of receiving the phrases perfectly shaped as from internal dictation.

Likeable performances are provided by Guy Scantlebury's indulgent Charles, Abigail Cruttenden's Emmie, and Zena Walker as a fussily indulgent Mrs T. But their shifts of behaviour are often as thinly motivated as those of Alfred. Making people reach positions because literary history says they did is no substitute for enabling us to feel the how and why.

JEREMY KINGSTON

ROCK: Soft start to an unsettling experience

Good thrashing

Throwing Muses
Empire, W12

WHATEVER Kristin Hersh's tensely complete songs may suggest, Boston's Throwing Muses can seem a pretty laid-back kind of trio. Alongside drummer David Narcizo, bassist Bernard Georges and occasional keyboardist Robert Rust, Hersh ambled on stage to the accompaniment of a taped recording of her children playing in a studio. An uninitiated observer may be forgiven for anticipating something soft or gentle. In fact, Hersh strapped a guitar to her body, and fired out *Teller* and the new single, *Bright Yellow Gun*, from the Muses' latest album, *University*. The ensuing punky thrashing, including material from the albums *The Real Ramona* and *Red Heaven*, was loud enough to wake the dead.

This live quality, so different from their recordings, is in marked opposition to anything expected. Sounds were cranked skywards, their mixes fuzzy around the edges. Narcizo's drumming never really altered — always precise, martial, daunting — but there was a real transformation in Hersh. Her voice became cracked and strangled and her lyrics all but drowned by the volume of the band. The emphasis shifted to something that is frightening as opposed to the merely sinister.

For the most part, this was an oddly paced show, disturbed by intervals during which Narcizo fixed his drum stool and Hersh told anecdotes about her youngest son, Ryder. A well-humoured audience laughed appreciatively at all this, bantered for requests and generally waited for normal service to resume. In the Muses' case, this has never meant rock poses, segued songs and middle eights. Performance for them has more to do with creating some palpably unsettling experience that speaks beyond the confines of a song.

This was signalled most successfully, towards the concert's last quarter, by a series of songs beginning with *Flood*, taking in *Mania*, *Carnival Wig* and *Snakeface*, and ending with *Hook In Her Head*. Pulsating with brute energy and rudimentary melody, Hersh's delivery accentuated a series of speeding rhythms. These were brave moments of a potency not often witnessed.

LOUISE GRAY

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1, News. 1.10, The Eye Witness. 1.30, "Stand Easy." 2, Schools. 3, Hervey Alan (baritone), Shulamith Shafir (piano). 3.30, Wednesday Matinée: "Nocturne in Scotland." "The Devil's in it." 4.30, Records. 5, Children's Hour. 5.55, Weather.

6, News. 6.15, Sport. 6.20, First House. 6.45, The Gramophone Library. 7, Petticoat Lane. 7.45, American Commentary. 8, B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. 9, Big Ben Minute: News. 9.15, The Symphony Concert (Part 2). 10.10, The Forgotten Elite, by Margaret Bucknall. 10.45, Edith Vogel (piano). 11, News-summary.

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9 a.m., News. 9.10, Records. 10, Reginald Dixon (organ). 10.30, Forces' Educational Broadcast. 10.45, "Luck and a Legacy": short story by Lynn Doyle. 11, B.B.C. Midland Light Orchestra. 11.45, Mrs. Dale's Diary. 12, Ralph Elman and the Tzigane Orchestra. 12.30, B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra. 1.15, B.B.C. Variety Orchestra. 1.45, *Woman's Hour*. 2.40, Racing Commentary—The Cesarewitch. 3, Sidney Davey and his Players. 3.30, Band of the Royal Army Medical Corps. 4, Mrs. Dale's Diary. 4.15, B.B.C. Northern Orchestra. 5.15, The Three Ginx Quintet. 5.30, Geraldo and his Concert Orchestra. 6, Sandy MacPherson (organ). 6.15, Arthur Salisbury and his Orchestra. 6.45, Dick Barton—Special Agent. 7, News and Radio Newsreel. 7.25, Sport. 7.30, Hip-Hip-Hoo-Ray. 8, Focus on Gambling. 8.30, Family Favourites. 9, Paul Temple and the Madison Mystery. (Episode 1). 9.30, Wilfred Pickles in "Have a Go." 10, News. 10.15, Music for To-night. 10.20, Ted Heath and his Music. 11, A Book at Bed-time. 11.15, Reginald Foort and his Mighty Wurlitzer. 11.30, News-summary.

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JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, Sir Lee Jones in his letter of the 11th of [illegible] suggests that the "wise man" does not set up a committee to inquire at great length into a problem of years whether the real factors which make the juvenile gang-leader tick, and [illegible] to remove his opposition to the proposed [illegible] research into the causes of juvenile delinquency. The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (a Government Department) has, in connection with the Fire Offices' Committee, Fire Protection Association, a department for Fire Research financed by equal shares by the two bodies. The result of Sir Lee's own parable seems obvious.

Yours faithfully,

MARGERY FRY.

48, Clarendon Road, W.11, Oct. 10.

THE TIMES

LONDON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 12 1949

Day in the life of a turbulent decade

If Dickens had lived through the 1940s, what might he have written? Lines very similar, perhaps, to something he wrote about a different epoch altogether. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times . . . *it was the season of* Light, it was the season of Darkness . . . we had everything before us, we had nothing before us."

In this year of sombre anniversaries few will need convincing that the 1940s saw the worst of times. And with the fiftieth anniversary of VE-Day approaching, there will be plenty of talk about "finest hours" as well. Indeed, it is hard to argue against the notion that all of the 20th century's defining moments happened in the 1940s.

Such momentous matters will doubtless be celebrated in "The Forties: War and Peace", the festival which opens next week in Birmingham, Cardiff and on the South Bank in London. But what of everyday life in Britain after the war, when euphoria was quickly extinguished by austerity?

Well, a remarkable window into that age lies buried deep in the concrete of the South Bank itself. For on October 12, 1949, in preparation for the 1951 Festival of Britain which the Government hoped would lift the spirits of its battered population, Clement Attlee laid the foundation stone of a new concert hall, not yet named, by the Thames.

Under this stone was placed a time capsule: a sealed lead casket containing a set of coins, the score of an anthem composed by Benjamin Britten for the Earl of Harewood's wedding (a bizarre inclusion, but Britten himself was on hand to place it in the casket) — and a copy of *The Times* for that day. It is this last item (priced 3d) that offers the most intriguing insights.

Given that the overriding image of the late 1940s is of greyness, shortages and dashed ideals (*1984*, Orwell's nightmare vision of postwar Britain, had come out the previous year), there was a surprising amount of cheerful news in *The Times* that day. Scan the entertainment listings, for example. That night in the West End, Vivien Leigh was appearing in *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Peggy Ashcroft and Ralph Richardson in *The Heiress*, Paul Scofield in *The Seagull* and John Gielgud in *The Lady's Not for Burning*. Flora Robson and Sybil Thorndike were also treading the boards, while the Palladium bill included Gracie Fields and a rising comedian called Peter Sellers. *Oklahoma* was at Drury Lane, *Annie Get Your Gun* in its third year at the Coliseum, and *Brigadoon* had just opened.



For posterity: Clement Attlee places the sealed casket including *The Times* in the Festival Hall foundations

The music scene was duller. The 1940s was a decade when Stravinsky, Carter, Messiaen, Shostakovich and the young Boulez and Cage were taking music in wild directions. Little of that reached London. Still, there was the new "festival hall" to trumpet. *The Times*, while anticipating the rebuilding of the bombed Queen's Hall, welcomed the new building. "The new hall may be able to take its place among the great European halls: the Concertgebouw, the Gewandhaus, the Musikverein." Alas, the Queen's Hall was never rebuilt, and the Festival Hall's acoustical qualities proved to be far less lovely than those of the "great European halls".

On the wireless, it was the Home Service that carried the bulk of the "serious" music-making, while the Third Programme — unflinchingly esoteric from its start in 1946 — devoted its evening to a broadcast of Goethe's *Egmont*. Television still hardly registered on the cultural landscape; closedown was at 10.15pm.

In the "picture theatres" the big new film was Carol Reed's *The Third Man*. *The Times* reported that the "National Film Finance Commission", set up by the Labour Government the previous year, had already distributed loans worth £5 million to finance 44 new British films. Forty-six years on, we still argue about the merits of government support for our film industry.

Other stories carried that day also seem familiar. For example, the cost to taxpayers of providing free health care was already being hotly debated. "This is the central dilemma of what is nowadays called the *Welfare State*," said *The Times*'s main leading article, while the news pages reported an MP's call for "more nurses and not more typewriters" in the health services.

Another report quoted Churchill's attack on Labour for creating unaccountable bodies. "The Socialists have transferred many important duties from the local authorities to boards not elected by the people but amenable — I *think that is the right word* — to government patronage," he fumed. Four decades later, his own party would carry quango-creation to new heights. A reader's letter also strikes a chord: he comments on plans to research a new phenomenon — "juvenile delinquency". Yob Britain is older than we thought.

Overseas, the main news was that Wilhelm Pieck had been voted (unanimously of course) first president of the German Democratic Republic, a country whose name *The Times* contemptuously put in quotation marks. Pieck's acceptance speech began: "There are not enough words for the thanks we owe the Soviet Union and Stalin." Indeed.

Among the advertisements was Swissair offering a return to Geneva for £23. But for *The Times*'s leader writers in that cheerless autumn, another travel story seemed worthier of comment. "For all the space demanded by devaluation and the atom bomb, there still struggle into printallems which by their innocence capture the imagination."

And the item concerned? Rugs could again be hired on night trains to Penzance. "What glowing visions this conjures up," trilled the writer. "Night train to Penzance! The very words sound romantic, with their promise of a changed world overnight."

A changed world overnight? Perhaps, but the old prewar certainties had gone for ever. The British Empire had expired. The pound was in freefall. Atomic weapons were being pointed in all directions. The world must have seemed as dangerous in 1949 as in 1939. But as long as there were rugs on sleepers to the seaside, a leader-writer could at least dream of peace in his time.

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Fighting to the death for a place in chambers

Why are young barristers having to switch to becoming solicitors? Sally Hughes investigates

Like the Irish and Ireland, for every barrister in practice in the Temple there are ten outside, singing about it. The Bar is littered with lost careers — the result of an oversupply of talented people for what, at its best, is a demanding, rewarding and high-status job. As opportunities for advocates open up elsewhere, Bar "rejects" are opting wholesale for the solicitors' branch of the profession.

The staggering attrition rate among newly qualified barristers is traditionally matched only by resting actors. It has intensified with a decline in the work of the "young" Bar, just when more, and better-trained, recruits are qualifying than ever before. About 750 Bar finalists in the class of '88 were whittled down to just over 400 tenants of chambers after two years' call. In recent years, more than 1,000 finalists have chased about 500 tenancies, competing with a growing band of "squatters" and the euphemistically termed "third six-month pupils". They, and the rest of the young Bar (tenants of one to five years' call), have endured an unprecedented fall in work, particularly in crime. Between 1991 and 1993, the average number of court appearances for all barristers declined from almost four to just over three a week.

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The market for newly qualified solicitors is tough, and the experiential requirements of switching also load the dice away from inexperienced pupils. Far from just mopping up supernumerary squatters, amplification of the trend could seriously affect the future development of the Bar.

Switchers include significant numbers of junior tenants, recruited by firms for their advocacy skills.

Barristers with at least two years' post-qualification experience can apply to the Law Society for accreditation before taking the Society's Professional Conduct and Accounts Examination. They are joined by foreign lawyers seeking an English qualification. In 1994, applications from all sources rose by 300 to 915.

The roots of the malaise of the junior Bar do not lie simply in the reforms of the Mackay era. The institutional reasons are imbedded in a longer-term failure to develop a business structure and corporate ethos to match the modern world. Established practising barristers are typically overworked — to a pathological extent in some cases. Despite claims of numerical expansion at the Bar, it has not kept pace with the rate of expansion in the legal services sector generally. And recent expansion is offset by falling court appearances.

Most barristers' chambers are a collection of individualists for whom "strategic planning" sounds like preparation for a difficult cross-examination. There is no incentive to develop anybody else's career but their own. Inviting someone to join an established set is an ambivalent exercise, especially for the junior tenants, who will be competing with any newcomer for briefs coming in, via the clerks.

The Temple is rife with stories, particularly in these straitened times, of some of the best candidates being turned down precisely because of in-house competition. Nepotism still rules in some quarters. It was ultimately courageously acknowledged by Nadine Radford, a distinguished junior criminal practitioner, at the 1993 Bar Conference, that many places in the Temple are blocked by middle-ranking deadwood, unshiftable because tenancies are, for practical purposes, for life.

Switching to the solicitors' branch, sneered at as an escape into unambitious, salaried security, has taken on a new meaning since the advocacy reforms. Growing numbers of disillusioned young barristers have watched their practices languish as senior colleagues consolidate the available work into even more overtime for themselves.

The prospect five years on looks like more of the same. Pressures to streamline and simplify litigation, and to make the legal-aid fund go further, will fuel a market for cheap, low-level freelance advocacy, coupled with new demands for top-level specialist advice that the knockabout common law Bar is incapable of meeting. In the middle is a daunting experiential gap which only a few specialised chambers are willing to fill by training and developing careers long term.

Becoming a solicitor holds out the prospect of managing change — corporate and personal — and exerting a degree of control over one's professional environment in the context of a stable, developing career-structure.

● *The author, called to the Bar in 1992, now works for Christian Fisher & Company, solicitors.*

MARTIN BEDDALL



Sally Hughes outside the Law Society's headquarters: There is a malaise in the junior Bar

When justice went Wilde



One of the classics of legal literature concerns the destruction by the legal process of a literary genius

Tonight is the hundredth anniversary of the first performance of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Four days after that opening night, on the afternoon of February 18, 1895, the eighth Marquess of Queensberry called at Wilde's London club and provoked one of the most disastrous legal actions ever to be commenced. Potential litigants should reflect long and hard on the fate of Oscar Wilde before authorising their solicitors to commence legal proceedings on their behalf.

The Marquess of Queensberry handed to the hall porter a card on which he had written, "To Oscar Wilde, posing as a somdomite", misspelling the final word in his fury at the friendship formed by his son, Lord Alfred Douglas, with Wilde. On receiving the card a fortnight later, Wilde sought advice from his solicitor, Charles Humphreys, on bringing proceedings for criminal libel. Humphreys advised: "If you are innocent, you should succeed." He instructed Sir Edward Clarke, QC, a former Solicitor-General, who accepted the brief only on being assured by Wilde that the charges were "absolutely false and groundless".

Lord Queensberry's solicitor was Charles Russell. On the advice of his father (Lord Russell of Killowen, the Lord Chief Justice), Russell briefed Edward Carson, QC, for the defence. Carson had been a student with Wilde at Trinity College, Dublin. When Wilde was told he would be cross-examined by Carson, he replied: "No doubt he will perform his task with all the added bitterness of an old friend."

The trial of Lord Queensberry on a charge of criminal libel opened at the Old Bailey on April 3, 1895. During his cross-examination by Carson, Wilde became over-confident. Carson asked about a young man called Walter Grainger, a servant at a house where Lord Alfred Douglas had rooms. "Did you ever kiss him?" asked Carson. "Oh, dear no!" Wilde replied. "He was a peculiarly plain boy. He was, unfortunately, extremely ugly."

Wilde wisely accepted Sir Edward Clarke's advice to withdraw the prosecution, because the jury was certain to find in favour of Lord Queensberry, and because of the need to protect Wilde from damaging evidence about his sexual preferences which would make criminal proceedings against Wilde inevitable. The trial judge, Mr Justice Henn Collins, wrote to Carson: "I never heard a more powerful speech or a more searching cross-exam. I congratulate you on having escaped most of the filth."

Instead of taking the opportunity to leave the country before he could be prosecuted, Wilde went to see another solicitor, Sir George Lewis, who said he could do nothing at this late stage. "If you had had the sense to bring Lord Queensberry's card to me in the first place," Sir George explained, "I would have torn it up and thrown it in the fire, and told you not to make a fool of yourself."

Wilde was prosecuted for committing acts of gross indecency with various men. Clarke (and his junior counsel) offered to represent Wilde without a fee, an offer he gratefully accepted. The second trial — this time with Wilde in the dock — began at the Old Bailey on April 26 1895 (Victorian lawyers would be astonished by the delays in criminal trials a century later).

The prosecuting counsel, Charles Gill, read out some of Wilde's letters to Lord Alfred Douglas and asked the defendant: "Do you think an ordinarily constituted being would address such expressions to a younger man?" Wilde replied: "I am not, happily I think, an ordinarily constituted being". He had formed a friendship (and no more than that) with various young men because he was "a lover of youth". The jury was unable to reach agreement, and so was discharged.



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For the third trial (which began on May 22, 1895), the prosecution was led by Sir Frank Lockwood, the Solicitor-General. During the course of the proceedings, Sir Edward Clarke had cause to complain that the Solicitor-General had forgotten that "he is not here to try to get a verdict by any means he may have, but that he is here to lay before the jury for their judgment the facts". This time, the jury found the writer guilty of various acts of gross indecency.

Astonishingly, Mr Justice Wills told Wilde that "it is the worst case I have tried", and sentenced him to the maximum two years' imprisonment with hard labour. Wilde was released from prison in May 1897. Apart from *The Ballad of Reading Gaol*, he wrote nothing of substance after his ordeal because, he explained, "my first year in prison destroyed me body and soul". Wilde died in Paris on November 30, 1900.

All of these extraordinary events are described by H. Montgomery Hyde in *Oscar Wilde*, first published in 1948 in the Notable British Trials Series, and recently republished by Penguin Crime in the Famous Trials series (£6.99).

It is ironic that the subject matter of one of the great classics of legal literature is how a literary genius was destroyed by the legal process. As the audience is told in Act 1 of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, "truth is rarely pure, and never simple".

● *The author is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

An Oxford professor attacks a report on 'recovered memories'. Frances Gibb reports

Hypnosis inquiry fuels new debate

A fresh and blistering attack on the recent British Psychological Society working party report on "recovered memories" as "badly flawed" and "misleading" has been delivered by Professor Larry Weiskrantz, Emeritus Professor of Psychology at Oxford University.

Professor Weiskrantz, a prominent critic of "recovered memories", lists what he sees as the many weaknesses in the report published last month and says: "For a working party of senior standing dealing with such a serious issue, one might have expected a higher standard of analysis that would have displayed a transparent and studied neutrality about matters where evidence is lacking."

His article, in the latest issue of *The Therapist*, journal of the European Therapy Studies Institute, will fuel the current debate on whether "recovered memories" of previously forgotten childhood trauma, such as child abuse, are reliable.

The British Psychological Society report found from a survey of more than 800 psychologists that a majority of the profession believed such memories were largely reliable, although they also said false memories could be implanted by poor therapeutic techniques.

A number of families in Britain are claiming false accusations of sex abuse after an adult son or daughter's therapy and "recovery" of memories of childhood trauma. In Britain, the False Memory Society, set up by accused parents in 1993, is backing the first couple to sue a psychologist for malpractice.

The legal actions come in the wake of a law suit brought by Gary Ramona, a Californian executive who successfully sued two therapists whom he accused of implanting false memories in the mind of his daughter. Several similar legal actions are pending in the United States.

The Home Office has issued guidelines that advise against the use of hypnosis to help witnesses to remember crimes. But the British False Memory Society maintains that these are being ignored.

There is thought to be only one criminal case so far in which the syndrome of "recovered memory" has featured: an accused father was recently acquitted of rape and indecent assault after a court was told that his daughter's account could have come from "phantom memories" induced by counselling.

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THE TIMES CONFERENCE ON WOMEN LAWYERS

A woman's place in law.

A one-day conference provocatively entitled The Woman Lawyer: Benefit or Burden? will be held at the Law Society headquarters in London on April 8. Readers are invited to attend the conference, which is aimed at lawyers, managing partners, heads of chambers, personnel managers, clerks and administrators. It is sponsored by *The Times*.

The morning session will open with a debate on sex discrimination laws, followed by a keynote address by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor. The afternoon will be split into sessions on Women at the Bar, Women Solicitors and A Changing Direction, each with a top speaker.

The conference will end with an open session, to be moderated by Lord Taylor, the Lord Chief Justice. The panellists include Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions; Kamlesh Bahl, the chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission; Henry Hodge, deputy vice president of the Law Society; Peter Goldsmith, QC, the Bar chairman; Mrs Justice Hale and Cherie Booth.



Barbara Mills, QC: panellist

The cost, including lunch and evening reception hosted by Mercury and Allied Dunbar, is £95, plus VAT, if booked before February 17; otherwise, £125, plus VAT. A limited number of student places is available at £65, plus VAT.

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Senor Valentino

LOOKING for a lawyer to love this Valentine's Day? *In Brief* magazine has identified the perfect candidate. Hernando Rojas, a 64-year-old Peruvian lawyer, has produced a brochure which includes pictures of himself in various states of undress, posing in the office, on a motorcycle and in court. However, says Mr Rojas: "In all of them, I am wearing a tie and holding legal documents so customers will know I am a qualified professional."

Streetwise

TENANTS fed up with bad housing and being treated as second-class citizens can learn how to fight back. Lawrence Graham, a London law firm, and Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust, are holding a seminar on February 27 to explore ways to boost tenant influence on housing, jobs, education and environment.

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Time up

AS Lord Woolf begins his two months of purdah to find solutions to the problems of costs and delays in the civil courts, he may regret that nobody implemented proposals put forward 13 years ago for shortening hearings. David Freeman, now a consultant with D.J. Freeman, the firm he founded, wrote a paper for the Law Commission. Many of its proposals strike a chord with what senior judges are now urging: strict timetables for the stages of proceedings, backed with the penalities of costs when litigants fail to comply. Mr Freeman says: "I still believe in these ideas. They may be heretical and difficult, but if they were put into effect, cases might start to move."

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Lord Woolf: regret?

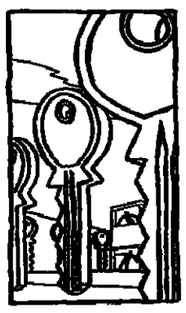
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Public service or ambulance chasing?

Should lawyers encourage victims to take on the might of big industry? **Martyn Day** on the role of group actions



JOHN MANNING

At a time when many lawyers are taking an increasingly active stance, is there a dividing line between ambulance chasing and the performance of a genuine public service?

There has been a spate of media reports recently on large numbers of people who have been injured or killed as a result of some alleged problem. *The Cook Report* has looked into cot deaths, and the victims of hepatitis C, steroids, the MMR vaccines, and the Gulf War Syndrome. In each case, lawyers have been quoted as saying either that there are claims already ongoing or encouraging claimants to come forward.

Though these "group" actions are not unheard of, their numbers are at an unprecedented level and lawyers have undoubtedly been at the forefront of encouraging victims to join in.

Two questions have been raised in relation to the role that lawyers have adopted. Should the law be involved at all in attempting to resolve these issues and, at a time when many lawyers are taking a far more pro-active stance, is there a dividing line between ambulance chasing and the performance of a genuine public service?

For journalists, finding a link between some agent and a series of illnesses is one of those breakthroughs that could make their names. In 1983, James Cutler, for Yorkshire Television, produced a progamme which showed a cluster of childhood leukaemias around the Sellafield nuclear plant. The response to the programme was quite phenomenal. An independent inquiry was set up and since that time millions of pounds have been spent on researching the phenomenon. Cutler has made his name.

Roger Cook's programme attempted to show a link between the antimony in certain fire-resistant mattresses and cot-death syndrome. There are occasions when journalists covering this type of issue leave it hanging in the air and people are left not knowing whether the allegations made are correct. This is a particular problem for the victims themselves.

There are three ways that such reports are followed through: the Government announces an inquiry (which is rare), scientists in the field conduct experiments to follow up on the allegations, and/or lawyers can pursue claims on behalf of the victims.

> We should assist victims, not cause misery

The first and second routes are said to be the best, because they allow an objective assessment of whether the implied link is correct, and money is spent on science rather than on lawyers' fees. Further, it is suggested that the courtroom is a very poor place for the assessment of whether or not a hypothesised link is true.

It seems to me that while this might be true for society at large, for the alleged victims or their families it is far from true. For them, they are not an objective statistic in some study, and their pain and anger at what has happened to them cannot be assuaged by a government committee, meeting endlessly, considering evidence in private and often providing an anodyne report which fails to explain reasons or to apportion blame.

Victims want and need to have some degree of control over the process of uncovering the truth. They want some control over the gathering of the evidence and the presentation of the arguments and, most of all, they want someone that they can trust to look carefully at the evidence and tell them whether or not the link is true.

Many people are not prepared to accept the word of a government minister saying that there is no link, and where scientists saythe link is not proven, the question always arises as to what that means. To what level of proof are they making this statement? They rarely know themselves, never mind explaining their position to the public.

The one person whose judgment victims are generally prepared to accept is that of a judge. People feel, rightly or wrongly, that they are independent, will review the evidence fairly and come out with a balanced decision on whether or not, on the balance of probabilities, the link is proven. That is the level of proof to which most people can relate.

Society could say to the victims that taking their cases through the courts is too expensive a way for them to obtain justice, particularly because a proportion of the costs usually comes out of the public purse. I would immediately accept that as a lawyer who makes his living from working on these cases, I am biased. Yet it seems to me that to ensure that individuals are given the power and resources to take on the might of big industry is to provide one of the fundamental freedoms of a sophisticated democracy.

To deny victims this right is to take away an important safety valve and an important platform where their concerns can be considered.

On the second issue of the role that lawyers take, it seems to me there is a delicate balance for those of us who are involved in this type of work between letting people know that there is the possibility of legal action and feeding off the concerns of the victims. It is easy for a lawyer to stand up and say that there are grounds for a legal action, having done next to no research on either the science or the law before making that statement. That seems to me to be wrong.

When lawyers make such a statement they are taking on a real responsibility to ensure that what they are saying is correct. For the victims, such a statement may well seem like a beacon of light.

Where the statement is clearly wrong, and the case quickly folds through lack of evidence, the weight that the lawyer has added to the burden the victim is already shouldering is quite unforgivable. It is our role to assist victims, not cause them increased misery.

To encourage victims to come forward on the basis that there is a claim is not a step that solicitors should take lightly. If necessary they should have talked to other lawyers and scientists before they are prepared to suggest that a claim can be brought.

Group legal actions are an important way of empowering victims and should continue to be supported. The spotlight, however, is on those lawyers who undertake this ground-breaking work.

In such actions, it is important for us, the lawyers, to retain the trust of the public — a trust that depends on our doing our homework before speaking out — and not shooting from the hip.

● *The author, a personal injuries solicitor, is involved in the above kind of cases.*


STEWART BANNEY

Metro Centre: lawyers step in to ease the deal through

What are the spin-offs for the legal profession from the changing face of British retailing?

Lawyers set store by shops

In the week when the Church Commissioners put up for sale the Metro Centre in Newcastle and the plug was finally pulled on the Rumbelows retail chain, there was a grain of wisdom in the observation by John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, that if you were tired of shopping, you are going to the wrong shops. Translated for lawyers, it meant that if you are not doing retail property transactions right now, you have got the wrong clients.

Even apart from the Metro Centre sale, it is estimated that the value of shopping centre deals to be announced this month will exceed £300 million. Although some lawyers had feared the revival in the retail property market was slowing down, the recent announcements show that this is far from being the case.

The picture is, however, complex. As Steven Fogel of Titmuss Sainer Dechert emphasised last week, "The retail property field is a series of different markets. It is almost impossible to generalise." Most of the big work now is coming from transactions involving out-of-town shopping centres.

Adrian Biggs of Eversheds Jaques & Lewis, said: "Even when the commercial property market was at its gloomiest, there was still a reasonable level of retail work. Now we are seeing quite a lot of activity. We are certainly busier than this time last year."

The race for the best sites between Tesco and Sainsbury has been one of the driving forces behind the availability of work for retail property specialists. However, now the race is slowing down, lawyers are expecting that other clients will be eager to move to out-of-town centres if only because it may soon be too late. Government policy no longer favours such development.

Mr Biggs said: "Following the line adopted by the Department of the Environment in its Planning Guide No 6, there is a presumption against giving consent to new out-of-town or edge-of-town developments. So clients want to get into those already established."

> Service on a broad base is sought

Some lawyers expect a lively battle over sites that have been given outline consent but may be turned down at a later stage. If that happens often, clients are likely to lose interest in pushing against the closed door.

Roger Bullworthy of Penningtons, said: "There are some developers who have already become tired of going to appeal and losing over new out-of-town developments. So we might be facing a slowdown in that kind of work."

The likely bottleneck on new opportunities may, therefore, force developers and retailers back into town centres. This could be good news for the disposal of the Rumbelows chain, despite the fact that in many cities there is already an over-supply of shops on the market.

According to Louis Manches of the Aldwych firm Manches & Co, it is simply a matter of being realistic.

"If the seller has a reasonable site and is looking for a realistic price," he said, "there is no reason why he shouldn't get a deal."

The best service that a lawyer could offer to a client in this market was to be commercially minded. It was significant, perhaps, that Lesley McDonagh, Lovell White Durrant's new managing partner (an appointment announced last week), had established her reputation as one of the most commercially minded property lawyers in the City.

Robert Kidby, a Lovell White Durrant partner, said that Ms McDonagh, who is the first woman to head a top ten London firm, epitomised the way in which property lawyers today have to be acutely aware of commercial reality.

Mr Kidby said: "Retail property deals are now so large that they have become very widespread transactions involving a number of different skills. My perception is that the big clients are, therefore, turning to the firm that can offer the total service in banking, planning and property.

"In other words, they are looking for quality services on a broad base.

"Born to shop" may be the motto which is every Briton's birthright. But where they shop and how they shop is now being shaped by lawyers as much as retailers.

EDWARD FENNELL

Law Report February 14 1995 Court of Appeal

Date of writ cannot be changed

Harrison and Another v Touche Ross (a Firm)

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment January 30]

The court could not treat a writ as issued months before or after the date it was in fact issued.

Where therefore the plaintiffs' writ claiming damages in contract and tort had not been regularly served during its validity, so that the claim in contract had become time-barred before the defendant firm was aware of the proceedings, it was not open to the court, having refused to extend the writ's validity under Order 6, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court or to waive its irregular service under Order 2, rule 1, to treat the writ as issued and validly served on the first date that it had come to the defendant's attention.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the defendant, Touche Ross, from Judge Rich QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court who, having (i) refused an application by the plaintiffs, Peter Harrison and John Harrison, for an extension of the validity of their writ issued on July 8, 1992 against the defendant and (ii) refused to treat irregular service of the writ, in failing to comply with Order 81, rule 3(1), on November 6, 1992 as good service, had directed that the writ be treated as issued and served on November 9, when it came to the attention of one of the defendant's partners.

Mr Michael Briggs, QC, for the defendants; Mr Peter Roth for the plaintiffs.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, referred to the judge's unchallenged findings, in refusing the application under Order 6, rule 8, that no satisfactory explanation had been given for the plaintiffs' failure to serve within the period of the writ's validity and no good reason had been shown for extending its validity beyond the limitation period: see *Kleinwort Benson Ltd v Barbrak Ltd* ([1987] AC 597).

Mr Briggs had argued that the effect of the judge's order was not to validate the original writ, issued in time for purposes of both contractual and tortious claims, but to validate service of a notional new writ issued and served on November 9; that the rules conferred no jurisdiction to do that; alternatively, that since the effect of the decision was to grant a partial extension of the validity of the writ in circumstances where no good reason could be shown, the order represented an impermissible exercise of discretion.

Mr Roth, supporting the judge's order, had argued that the court's jurisdiction under Order 2, rule 1 was very wide, enabling the judge to make such order as justice required; that the judge had exercised his discretion so as to ensure that the defendant would be exposed to no liability to which it might not have been exposed had the plaintiffs issued proceedings on the date when the proceedings had in fact come to the notice of one of the defendant's partners, and that that exercise of discretion should not be disturbed.

His Lordship referred to *Leal v Dunlop Bio-Processes International Ltd* ([1984] 1 WLR 874); *Boocock v Hilton International Co* ([1993] 1 WLR 1065); *The Goldean Mariner* ([1990] 2 Lloyd's Rep 215); *Khokhar v Post Office Counters Ltd* (unreported, November 9, 1994, CA (Civ) Transcript No 1321); *Ward-Lee v Lineham* ([1993] 1 WLR 754); *Barr v Barr* ([1994] PIQR P45) and *Singh v Duport Harper Foundries Ltd* ([1994] 1 WLR 769).

Again the starting point was the *Kleinwort Benson* case. In the present case no satisfactory explanation had been given for the failure to serve within the validity period and good reason had not been shown for granting an extension.

The irregular attempt to serve within the validity period had been ineffective to bring the proceedings to the notice of the defendant, and the defendant was unaware of any impending claim, so that the substantial object of the rule as to service had not been achieved.

The judge had rightly refused to grant an extension under Order 6, rule 8 and to waive the irregularity under Order 2, rule 1.

Although he was not invited to waive the irregularity under Order 2, rule 1 and grant an extension under Order 3, rule 5, he could not have done so without undermining the effect of the *Kleinwort Benson* case.

The result he wished to achieve was one whereby the writ was treated as effectively served on November 9, so as to stop time running on the claim in tort, but not so as to defeat the limitation defence in respect of the claim in contract which had accrued.

Accordingly, it was essential that the writ should also be treated as having been issued on that date and not earlier. Thus the order provided that the writ be treated as issued on November 9. But, as was apparent from its face, it was issued over four months earlier.

In the court's opinion it was not open to it to treat a writ as issued months before or after the date it was in fact issued. The time of issue not only affected the substantive rights of the parties to the action but might also affect the rights of third parties.

Order 6, rule 7(3) provided that a writ was issued on its sealing. It might be that the court might treat as issued a writ delivered into its custody at a time when the relevant registry was not open.

That practice, approved in *In re N (Infants)* ([1967] Ch 513) was now expressly provided for in Order 6, rule 7A in the case of the Admiralty and Commercial Registry.

But neither that principle nor that rule was applicable here and no other rule authorised the court to do what the judge had done.

The judge had accordingly made his order without jurisdiction. But even if he had had power to make the order, it represented an impermissible exercise of discretion since its effect was to extend the validity of the writ in a situation where an extension could not be justified.

The appeal would be allowed.

Solicitors: Fladgate Fielder; Bloom Camillin.

Tablets can be medical reason

Wade v DPP

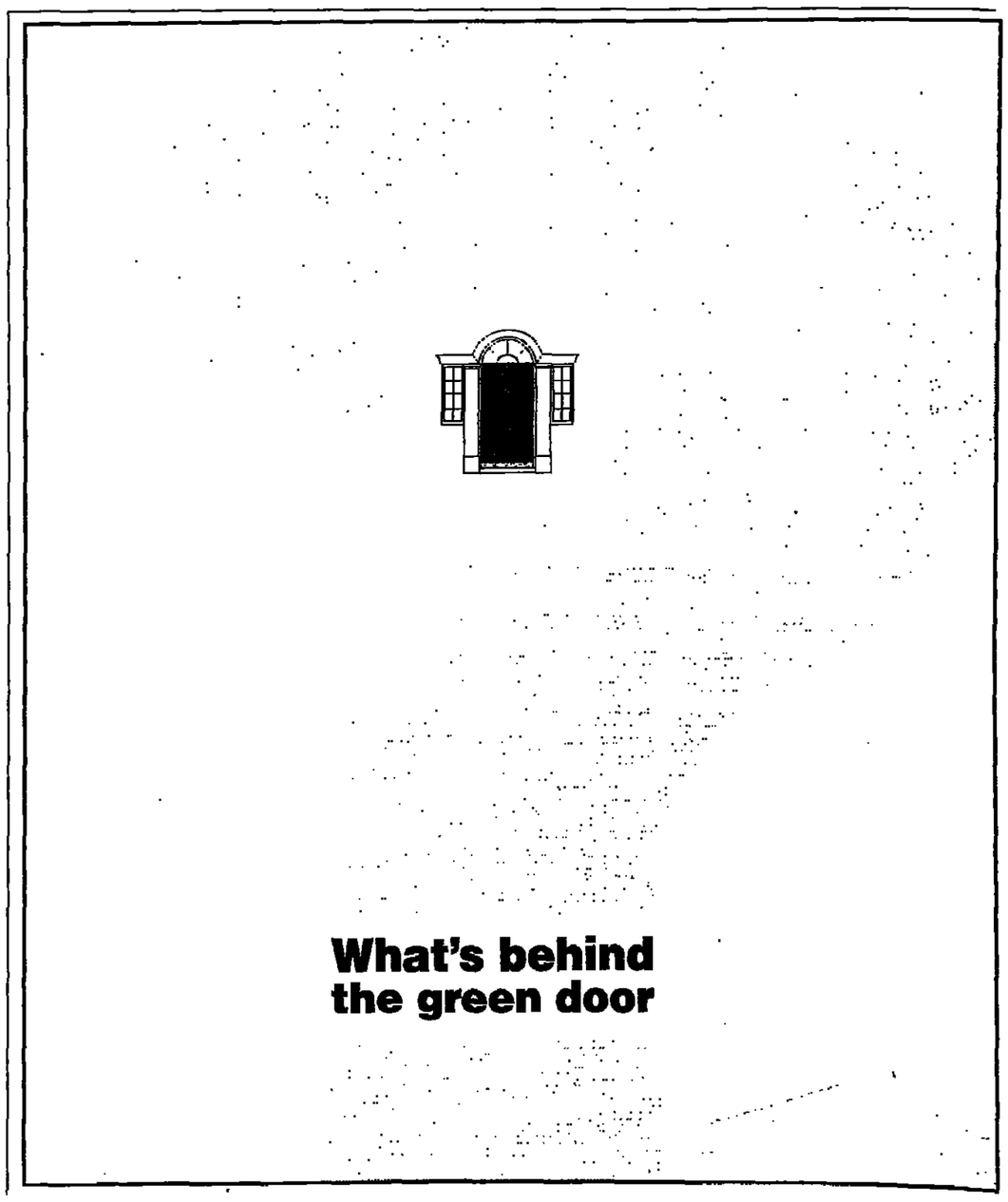
Where under section 7 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 a person was requested to give reasons why a blood specimen should not be taken, the response that he took tablets was capable of being a medical reason.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Dyson) so stated on February 6 when allowing an appeal by Malcolm Lindsay Wade by way of case stated from his conviction by Keswick Justices on March 4, 1994 of driving with excess blood alcohol contrary to section 5(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988. He had been fined £200, had his licence endorsed and was disqualified from holding a licence for three years.

LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that Mr Wade's response that he took tablets had to be taken as to representation as to which specimen, urine or blood, should be taken, and it was for the officer to decide which. He chose blood.

There was no evidence that the police officer had taken the answer into account or considered whether it should be a medical reason. On the face of it, the reason given was a medical reason because the use of tablets could have affected the blood analysis or the taking of blood could have been medically unwise. Those possibilities might appear far-fetched but it was impossible to know.

The officer had not asked questions. If he had concluded on proper consideration that the response was not a medical reason then he could have taken blood. Otherwise if in doubt he should have obtained a doctor's opinion.



Clash of big matches brings crisis to a head

By Christopher Irvine

IT IS a small crisis in a big drama, but, of the 340 sporting applications, totalling £170 million, for funds from the National Lottery, not one has come from a professional rugby league club.

As chairman of the Sports Council, which holds the lottery purse strings, Rodney Walker was somewhat surprised. As chairman of the Rugby Football League (RFL), he could have wept.

For all his genuine optimism for the game's future, the present is a grim picture of stagnation that Walker acknowledges must be tackled by drastic change.

Instead of looking at the broader picture, rugby league continues to focus on the blurry issue of club v country. The ludicrous scenario of nine players having to drop out of the England side to face France at Gateshead tomorrow, because Wigan and St Helens must replay in the Challenge Cup the same night, has brought the crisis to a head.

Not only has it debased the value of the few international games that do take place, the clash, which the RFL should have tried harder to avoid, has reinforced the need for fewer clubs and fewer games: in other words, putting quality before quantity. Proposals along those very lines in the *Framing The Future* document last year were "sabotaged by clubs with some 2,000 supporters between them", Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the RFL, said.

It was the promise of greater voting rights that caused the elite clubs to back down on a threatened split last October. These, as well as a salary cap for players and a two-year ban on transfer deals between British and Australian clubs, are on the agenda of the Rugby League Council tomorrow, when Walker and Lindsay will give their ultimatum.

The pair's combined force might cause the 35 club chairmen to wake up to the need for action. Voting down a proposed system which would give three votes each to first division clubs, two each to second division clubs, and one apiece to the three former league sides — Blackpool, Nottingham and Chorley — would almost certainly hasten a breakaway.

Whether the leading clubs going it alone is so dreadful a prospect is debatable. The original intention of the RFL, last year, was the establishment of a premier league. It has got one for next season, but in name only as it has 16 clubs. So, there is no change there.

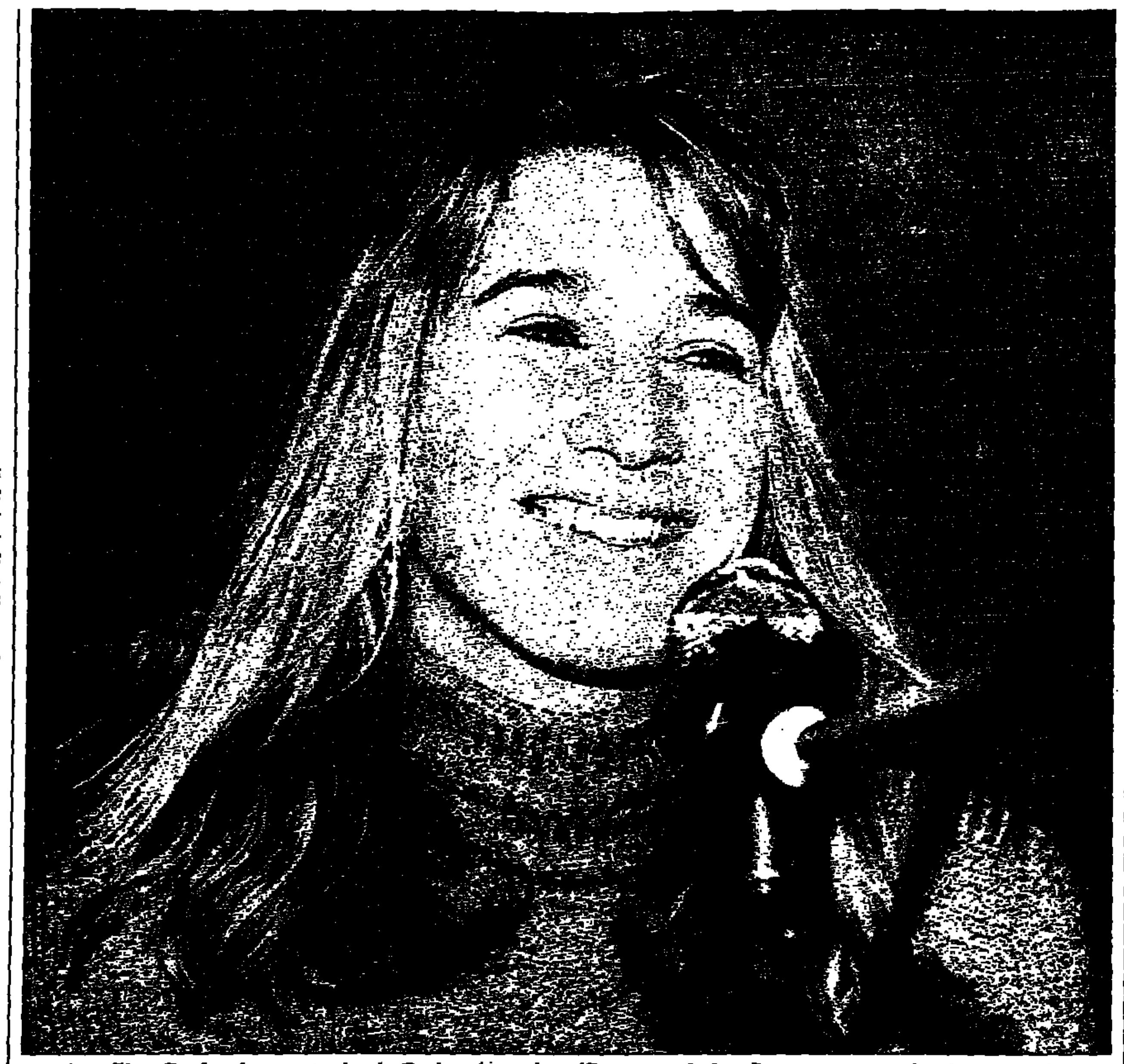
Ellery Hanley, the England coach, has lost 11 of his original choices for the match against France. Among the eight uncapped players in the team, Stephen Holgate has not yet played a full season in the professional ranks.

ENGLAND: R Gay (Hull), I Butt (Featherstone), N Pinkney (Keighley), R Goddard (Castleford), F Cummins (Leeds); N Wright (Wakefield), D Fox (Bradford); S McNamara (Hull), L Jackson (Sheffield), P Broadbent (Sheffield), S Holgate (Workington), S Baldwin (Halifax), D Powell (Sheffield, captain). Substitutes: S McCurrie (Widnes), M Hilton (Warrington), A Smith (Castleford), J Bentley (Halifax)

Wigan, the winners of the Silk Cut Challenge Cup for the past seven seasons, have a less arduous task, away to Batley, the second division club, in the fifth round, *provided that they win their fourth-round replay at St Helens tomorrow.*

FIFTH-ROUND DRAW: Batley v Wigan or St Helens. Hull KR v Whitehaven; Hunslet or Salford v Featherstone Rovers. Keighley Cougars v Huddersfield. Leeds v Ryedale-York. Sheffield Eagles v Widnes. Warrington v Oldham; Workington v Swinton or Leigh.

Matches to be played on February 25 or 26



A smiling Graf arrives yesterday in Paris, where she will compete in her first tournament for three months

Graf eager to test fitness in Paris

By Our Sports Staff

STEFFI GRAF will be heading into the unknown when she plays her first match in the Paris Open tomorrow. She has not played in a tennis tournament since November and does not know how her back will respond as she attempts to regain the No 1 ranking that she lost last month.

Graf, 25, has played only two matches since reaching the final of the US Open in September, both at the Virginia Slims championships in New York in November, when she lost to Mary Pierce in the second round. Since then, nagging back pains and a subsequent calf injury forced her to miss the Australian Open last month and the Tokyo tournament last week. Her inactivity has cost her the No 1 ranking for the first time since June 1993, when she supplanted Monica Seles.

Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, who beat Graf at the US Open and was recognised as the best player of 1994, claimed the top position last week, even though Pierce defeated her in the Australian final.

"I cannot stay No 1 when I am not playing," Graf said. "Right now, I am trying to get fit and be able to play tournaments. You have to be fit the whole year to be able to achieve anything."

Graf is seeded No 1 in Paris, Pierce is No 2 and Sánchez Vicario is taking the week off. In her first match, Graf will play either Larissa Neiland, of Ukraine, or Elena Makarova, of Russia. Graf would return to the top of the rankings if she won the tournament and beat Pierce or Jana Novotna, the No 3 seed, in the process.

"I have been trying to get into shape," Graf said. "It has been very difficult and very frustrating, but I have played hard for the past ten days or so and I feel pretty good."

Graf, who said that her back condition was caused by a bone spur, has divided her time between Florida and Germany and practised well. However, in her eagerness to protect her back, she sustained a calf injury that prolonged her recuperation.

She said that she was not considering back surgery. "An operation would take me out for six to eight months," she said, "but the doctors cannot tell me 100 per cent it is going to be fine. This is not an injury that is going to heal. I am working very hard on it so I can deal with it and play with it and reduce the pain. I have been having success so far.

"Sometimes I have more problems, sometimes I have less problems. It is not something that is just gone.

"I don't wake up every morning and think about which tournament I won last year," she added. "I am just trying to play a couple of grand slam tournaments. That's all I worry about now."

Her total of 86 tournament wins is fourth-best in the record books.

N Zealand captain believes he could be dismissed

By Our Sports Staff

KEN RUTHERFORD, the New Zealand cricket captain, admitted yesterday that he is in danger of losing his job in the aftermath of the national side's worst Test defeat, by an innings and 322 runs by West Indies in the second Test at Wellington.

New Zealand, who lost their recent series in South Africa, where Rutherford was heavily fined for dissent and after which four players were suspended, three for smoking marijuana, never came close to mounting a challenge to the West Indies first innings total of 660 for five declared.

"My head is fairly and squarely on the chopping block," Rutherford said after New Zealand had been put out for 216 and 122 in little more than four sessions in a match which was a personal triumph for Courtney Walsh, the West Indies captain.

Walsh took six wickets for 18 runs in the second innings to follow his seven for 37 in the first — his two best returns in 70 Test appearances.

Rutherford has now captained New Zealand to their two worst defeats. The first was by an innings and 222 run by Australia at Hobart last year. In 14 Tests under him, New Zealand have won only twice. "I've got to get runs and the team has to start performing," Rutherford said, adding that he was "shell-shocked" by the display on a Basin Reserve pitch unhelpful to bowlers.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 216 (D J Murray 52, C A Walsh 7 for 37).

Second innings

B A Young b Walsh	6
D J Murray b Walsh	43
A H Jones lbw b Benjamin	2
*K R Rutherford lbw b Ambrose	5
S P Fleming b Walsh	30
S A Thomson b Dhanraj	6
†A C Parore not out	5
M N Hart c Ambrose b Dhanraj	1
M L Su'a c Adams b Walsh	8
S B Doull lbw b Walsh	6
D K Morrison c Murray b Walsh	14
Extras (lb 2, nb 4)	6
Total	122

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-3, 3-15, 4-70, 5-93, 6-93, 7-97, 8-104, 9-104.

BOWLING: Walsh 15.2-1-18-6; Benjamin 8-0-36-1; Ambrose 5-1-17-1; Dhanraj 12-2-49-2.

WEST INDIES: First innings 660 for 5 dec (J C Adams 151, B C Lara 147, J R Murray 101 not out, S L Campbell 88, K L T Arthurton 70, S Chanderpaul 61 not out)

Man of the match: C A Walsh.

West Indies win two-match series 1-0.

IN BRIEF

Talbot sets out terms for taking new post

DON TALBOT, the head of swimming coaching in Australia, who has been offered the new post of performance director for Great Britain by the Amateur Swimming Federation of Great Britain, has issued an ultimatum: he does the job his way, or not at all (Craig Lord writes). Talbot is believed to have asked for an opt-out with compensation if he is not able to implement his plans.

China have been banned from competing in the Pan Pacific championships after the United States, Australia and Canada voted, against Japan, in favour of their exclusion at a meeting in Honolulu on Sunday. The decision is a measure of concern over suspected drug use by Chinese swimmers.

Martin Harris is to dispute his disqualification, for moving before the start, in the 50 metres backstroke at the World Cup meeting in Sheffield, after watching a home video of the race.

Ban warning

Badminton: Peter Birtwistle, the president of the Badminton Association of England, has deplored an incident at the national championships in Norwich at the weekend when Victor Muggeridge, the father of Joanne Muggeridge, the top singles player, is alleged to have butted Tom John, a leading coach.

"This sort of thing doesn't do badminton any good," Birtwistle said. "If the stories are true, I believe we have the power to ban both of them from future tournaments."

Armour defence

Boxing: Johnny Armour makes the fifth defence of his Commonwealth bantamweight title tonight when he meets Tsitsi Sokutu, of South Africa, at York Hall, Bethnal Green (Srikumar Sen writes). The Chatham boxer has to win well if he wants to convince his supporters that he can compete successfully at a higher level.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GHENT: International indoor meeting: Men: 800m: A Loginov (Russ) 1min 47.03sec. 3,000m: M Kiptanui (Ken) 7:35.15 (world record). 3, J Mayock (GB) 7:49.85. 60m hurdles: A Haapakoski (Fin) 7.62sec. Women: 400m: S Goncharenko (Rus) 51.57sec. 800m: S Jongmans (Holl) 2min 02.43sec. 60m hurdles: J Baumann (Switz) 8.02sec.

KARLSRUHE: International indoor meeting: Men: 60m: R Esmie (Can) 6.58sec. 400m: K Karsten (Ger) 46.92. 800m: N Motchebon (Ger) 1min 46.59sec. 1,500m: M Donng (Ger) 3:44.24. 3,000m: D Baumann (Ger) 7.37.51. 60m hurdles: A Johnson (US) 7.38sec.

BADMINTON

NORWICH: Bell Cablemedia English national championships: Finals: Men's singles: A Nielsen (Surrey) bt D Hall (Surrey) 15-12, 8-15, 15-8. Men's doubles: S Archer (Worcs) and C Hunt (Lancs) bt N Cottrell (Middx) and J Quinn (Middx) 15-4, 15-8. Women's singles: J Mann (Warks) bt A Humby (Hants) 11-2, 11-8. Women's doubles: J Bradbury (Oxon) and J Wright (Sussex) bt R Beck (Bucks) and J Davies (Surrey) 15-3, 15-5. Mixed doubles: N Ponting (Herts) and J Wright (Sussex) bt S Archer (Worcs) and J Bradbury (Oxon) 15-12, 15-11

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester 82 (Gardner 26, Snead 15, Crow 15) Hemel 94 (Koochoi 30, Noel 28). London 81 (Windless 27, Lewis 16) Doncaster 83 (Fite 31, Bale 18); Sheffield 58 Manchester 68 (Johnson 24, Robinson 21).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): All-Star Match: Western Conference 139 Eastern Conference 112.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	37	10	.787	—
New York	30	16	.652	6½
Boston	19	27	.413	17½
New Jersey	19	31	.380	19½
Miami	17	29	.370	19½
Philadelphia	14	34	.292	23½
Washington	11	34	.244	25
Central division				
Charlotte	31	17	.646	—
Cleveland	28	19	.596	2½
Indiana	27	19	.587	3
Chicago	23	25	.479	8
Atlanta	22	26	.458	9
Milwaukee	19	29	.396	12
Detroit	17	29	.370	13

Western Conference

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	35	13	.729	—
San Antonio	30	15	.667	3½
Houston	29	17	.630	5
Denver	20	26	.435	14
Dallas	18	28	.391	16
Minnesota	11	36	.234	23½
Pacific division				
Phoenix	38	10	.792	—
Seattle	33	12	.733	3½
LA Lakers	29	16	.644	7½
Portland	25	20	.556	11½
Sacramento	25	20	.556	11½
Golden State	14	31	.311	22½
LA Clippers	8	40	.167	30

BOWLS

EGHAM TROPHY (women's mixed inter-club championship): Fifth round: Cumbria 75 Blackpool Borough 91; Boston 59 Cambridge Chesterton 90; Beccles 82 Essex County 83; Cheshunt 61 Herts 88. Avon Valley 60 Cambridge Park 90; Egham 79 Oyster 84. Preston 88 Dorchester 69; Donyatt 71 Plymouth Civil Service 79

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Holland trophy: 1, J Badrutt (Cz) 4min 55.00sec; 2, M Pitsch (Cz) 4:58.76; 3, G Pitsch (Cz) 4:59.12; 4, J Sunley (GB) 4.59.95.

CYCLING

MARSEILLES: Tour Mediterranean (Italy unless stated): Final stage (80km from Toulon) 1, G Bugno, 1hr 41min 51sec, 2, A Canzonieri, at 1sec. Final positions: 1, Bugno 16hr 2min 55sec; 2, R Petito 7sec behind; 3, D Rebellin 12

FOOTBALL

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Third-round draw: Marine v Boreham Wood Runcorn v Hyde United Gateshead v Ashton United or Macclesfield Town Farnborough Town or Rushden and Diamonds v Halesowen Town or Guiseley Welling United or Ilkeston Town v Kingstonian or Kidderminster Harriers Yeovil Town or Stevenage Borough v Woking or Cheltenham Town Morecambe v Altrincham or VS Rugby Enfield v Merthyr Tydfil or Bamber Bridge

☐ *Ties to be played March 4*

GOLF

LA JOLLA, California: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 269: P Jacobsen 68, 65, 68, 68 273: M Calcavecchia 71, 67, 67, 68; M Hulbert 70, 65, 70, 68 H Sutton 67, 69, 68, 69; K Triplett 69, 69, 66, 69 275: D Pruitt 69, 70, 68, 68, D Pohl 65, 74, 66, 70: 276: D Ogrin 66, 69, 74, 67; N Henke 68, 66, 73, 69, J Huston 69, 71, 67, 69, B Chamblee 66, 66, 74, 70: 281: J Parnevik (Swe) 72, 64, 74, 71; 287: Y Mizumaki (Japan) 68, 70, 73, 76 289: S Rintoul (Aus) 71, 70, 76, 72.

HOCKEY

TOUR MATCH: Gloucester City 2 Lomas (Arg) 2.

CLUB MATCHES: East Grinstead 3 Old Loughtonians 0; Surbiton 3 Slough 2.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: National under-16 schools and youth Cup: County round: Final: St George's, Weybridge 2 Epsom 1. Middlesex under-18: Semi-final: Merchant Taylors' 1 Teddington 0

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Edmonton 2 Anaheim 0; New Jersey 4 Florida 2; Boston 2 Buffalo 1; Detroit 4 Los Angeles 4

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 3 Nottingham 6, Cardiff 14 Humberside 5, Durham 9 Fife 3; Edinburgh 15 Peterborough 6; Sheffield 7 Basingstoke 5; Whitley 5 Milton Keynes 7. First division: Blackburn 7 Slough 10, Guildford 8 Medway 4; Lee Valley 3 Chelmsford 1; Solihull 4 Paisley 7; Trafford 2 Telford 7.

JUDO

PARIS: International tournament: Men: 78kg: Final: Y Dong Sik (S Kor) bt P Reiter (Aut), ret inj, third place: U Frenz (Ger), D Bouras (Fr); 95kg: Final: P Mastula (Pol) bt M Kamochi (Japan), ippon; third place: M Meiling (Ger), S Traneau (Fra) Women: 48kg: Final: S Meloux (Fr) bt F Jossinet (Fr), waza-ari; third place: Y Eto (Japan), Yolanda Soler (Sp) 52kg: Final: A Munoz (Sp) bt C Mariani (Arg) koka; third place: S Rendle (GB), L Tignola (Fr).

MOTOR RALLYING

SNOWMAN RALLY (Scotland): 1, D Gillanders (Escort Cosworth) 51min 16sec; 2, C Wagner (Audi 90 Quattro) 51 18. 3, J Gray (Metro 6R4) 51.30.

WYEDEAN STAGES (Gloucestershire): 1, A Burton (Alfa-Ferran) 51min 24sec, 2, B Bell (Escort Cosworth) 51 55; 3, M Perrott (Escort Cosworth) 52.18

NORDIC SKIING

HOLMENKOLLEN: World Cup: Men: Ski Jumping: 1, A Goldberger (Austria) 254.9pts; 2, T Okabe (Japan) 253.9. 3, J Weissflog (Ger) 242.3

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB: Lacoste British open championship: Final: W Boone bt N Smith 17-14, 18-15, 15-3, 15-0

SHOOTING

ALDERSLEY: British air rifle championship: Men: 1, C Hector (Bedford) 683.4pts; 2, R Law (Stirling Royal Infirmary) 682.2, 3, D Rattray (Glasgow Railwaymen) 680.7. Women: 1, C Beale (Progressive RC) 482.7, 2, D Darling (Norwich) 480.6, 3, H Jones (Burton) 479.3. Class X grand aggregate: 1, K Morris (British Sports Association for the Disabled) 1175. Home countries international: 1, Scotland 1724, 2, England 1720.

SPEED SKATING

BASELGA DI PINE, Italy: Men's world championships: 1,500m: 1, R Ritsma (Holl) 1min 53.31sec; 2, K Shirahata (Japan) 1 53 39, 3, N Marshall (Can) 1:53.86 10,000m: 1, Ritsma 14 09 89; 2, Shirahata 14:14 16; 3, T Nozaki (Japan) 14:21.80 Final positions: 1, Ritsma 160.992pts; 2, Shirahata 161 864; 3, R Sighel (It) 162.851

CALGARY: World Cup meeting: Men: 500m: 1, H Shimizu (Japan) 35 83sec; 2, M Hori (Japan) 36.00; 3, Song Jul Jaegal (S Kor) 36.20. World Cup standings: 1, Horii 270pts; 2, Yoon-Man Kim (S Kor) 212; 3, Shimizu 185. 1,000m: 1, Kim 1 12.60; 2, Y Miyabe (Japan) 1:12.61; 3, K Scott (Can) 1.12 67. World Cup standings: 1, Y Miayabe 240 (Japan); 2, Kim 221; 3, Miyabe, 197 Women: 500m: 1, B Blair (US) 38 89 (world record), 2, S Auch (Can) 38.94; 3, S Zhurova (Russ) 39.66. World Cup standings: 1, Blair 315, 2, Auch 241; 3, Zhurova 178. 1,000m: 1, Blair 1:18 39; 2, F Schenk (Ger) 1:19.06; 3, C Witty (US) 1:19 68 World Cup standings: 1, Blair 245; 2, S Kusunose (Japan) 193; 3, M Garbrecht (Ger) 168.

SNOOKER

BOURNEMOUTH: Sweater Shop International Open (England unless stated): First round: J Higgins (Scot) bt J Swail (N Ire) 5-1, M Hallett bt J Cundy (Eng) 5-1: A Hicks bt M Bennett (Wales) 5-2, K Doherty (Ire) bt R Lawler 5-2: A Robidoux (Can) bt T Chappel (Wales) 5-2, M Davis bt B Morgan 5-1: J Wych (Can) bt S James (Eng) 5-3

TABLE TENNIS

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Horsham 9 Sedgefield 5, St Neots 11 Vymura 3, Glasgow 4 BFL Grove 10, Team Penlie 10 Launceston 4.

WORLD RANKINGS (China unless stated): Men: 1, J-M Saive (Bel) 1,662pts; 2, Wang Tao 1,616; 3, J-P Gatien (Fr) 1,597; 4, Kim Taek-Soo (S Kor) 1,587; 5, J-O Waldner (Swe) 1,584; 6, Z Primorac (Cro) 1,582; 7, Ma Wenge 1,545; 8, J Rosskopf (Ger) 1,534; 9, Li Gun-Sang (N Kor) 1,527; 10, P Karlsson (Swe) 1,525. Women: 1, Deng Yaping 1,815, 2, Qiao Hong 1,715; 3, Gao Jun (US) 1,602; 4, Chai Po Wa (HK) 1,598; 5, Chen Zihe 1,598; 6, Wang Chen 1,584; 7, C Koyama (Japan) 1,579; 8, Tang Weiyi 1,569; 9, Li Bun-hui (N Kor) 1,561; 10, C Jing (Taiwan) 1,557.

SQUASH

PONTEFRACT: British Satellite Circuit: Semi-finals: A Toes bt L Beechill 9-2, 9-4, 9-7; M Berrett bt M Blowers 9-3, 9-2, 9-0.

TENNIS

DUBAI: Men's tournament: Final: W Ferreira (SA) bt A Gaudenzi (It) 6-3, 6-3.

SAN JOSE: Men's tournament: Final: A Agassi (US) bt M Chang (US) 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.

CHICAGO: Women's tournament: Final: M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Raymond (US) 7-5, 7-6.

MILAN: Men's indoor tournament: First round: R Agenor (Haiti) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-1, 7-6; S Dosedel (Cz) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-4, 7-5.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Women: Quarter-finals: Clearview Brentwood 3 FIFS Hallamshire Sheffield 0; Edgbaston Priory 2 Connaught 1; Northumberland 3 David Lloyd Eastbourne 0; Queen's Club 3 Parklangley Bromley 0

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,725pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 4,082; 3, B Becker (Ger) 3,054; 4, G Ivanisevic (Cro) 2,805; 5, M Chang (US) 2,803; 6, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,779; 7, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470; 8, M Stich (Ger) 2,395; 9, S Edberg (Swe) 2,277; 10, Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 2,139; 11, W Ferreira (SA) 2,070; 12, J Courier (US) 1,928; 13, A Medvedev (Ukr) 1,815; 14, M Larsson (Swe) 1,587; 15, R Krajicek (Holl) 1,569.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket match*

Representative match
Italian League v Football League (at Stadio Comunale, Andria, Italy)

Endsleigh Insurance League
Second division
Brighton v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
* Wrexham v Chester

Third division
Chesterfield v Barnet
Fulham v Northampton (7.45)

Auto Windscreens Shield
Northern Section
Semi-final
Crewe v Carlisle

Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Southport (7.45)
Halifax v Dagenham and Red (7.45)
Stafford v Bromsgrove (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Partick v Dundee Utd

First division
Airdrie v Clydebank
Dunfermline v Stranraer
St Johnstone v Hamilton

Second division
Brechin v Stenhousemuir
Queen of South v East Fife

Third division
Caley This v Montrose
East Stirling v Albion

FA UMBRO TROPHY (7.45). Second round: Yeovil v Stevenage, Halesowen v Guiseley; Farnborough v Rushden and Diamonds; Woking v Cheltenham. Second round replay: Ilkeston v Welling.

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay v Hyde. Cup: Fourth round: Buxton v Matlock; Warrington v Chorley

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dulwich v Aylesbury (7.45); Walton and Hersham v Enfield (7.45). First division: Dorking v Bognor Regis. Tooting and Mitcham v Boreham Wood. Second division: Cheshunt v Aveley; Egham v Tilbury, Hemel Hempstead v Oxford City, Hungerford v Metropolitan Police, Leatherhead v Bracknell; Thame v Barton; Ware v Banstead. Third division: Canvey Island v Tring; Hertford v Leighton; Kingsbury v Rackwell Heath. Cup: Fourth round: Marlow v Hitchin; St Albans v Slough. Carlsberg Trophy: Third round: Southall v Witham.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Gresley v Trowbridge; Hastings v Chelmsford. Southern division: Braintree v Ashford (7.45); Clevedon v Poole (7.45); Fareham v Waney; Fisher 93 v Baldock; Margate v Burnham (7.45), Waterlooville v Yate (7.45). Midland division: Bedworth v Bridgnorth (7.45); Bilston v Evesham; Dudley Town v Forest Green (7.45). Hinckley Town v Stourbridge; King's Lynn v Buckingham Town (7.45); Leicester United v Moor Green; Nuneaton v Newport AFC; RC Warwick v Armitage; Rothwell v Grantham; Tamworth v Redditch.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Cup: Third round, second leg: Conwy v Holywell.

ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round: Swansea v Porthmadog.

PARASOL COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chipstead v Netherne.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell v Oldbury; Paget v Rushall Olympic; Chasetown v Rocester.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barkingside v Waltham Abbey

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Glossop North End v Bradford Park Avenue, Kidsgrove v Bootle (7.45); Skelmersdale v Darwen. Challenge Cup: Third round: Trafford v Maine Road. Lamot Pils Trophy: Semi-final, second leg: Flixton (2) v Tetley Walker (0)

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Concord v Hullbridge Sports

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Cup: Third round: Armthorpe Welfare v Belper Town; Arnold v Ossett Albion, Liversedge v Selby; North Ferriby v Hallam, Ossett Town v Immingham.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Aerostructures v Bemerton Heath. Cup: Quarter-final: First leg: Brockenhurst v Gosport

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Diss v Wisbech (7.45); Fakenham v Chatteris (7.45). Halstead v Watton, Haverhill v Lowestoft (7.45). March v Stowmarket, Newmarket v Wroxham (7.45); Tiptree v Woodbridge.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Crowborough v Ringmer; East Grinstead v Burgess Hill; Wick v Shoreham.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Folkestone Invicta v Faversham; Thamesmead v Corinthian. First division Cup: Third round: Whitstable v Ramsgate

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Newry v Cliftonville

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replay: Waterford v Galway

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace v Luton (at Wimbledon, 2.0), Ipswich v Bristol Rovers (at Bury St Edmunds). West Ham v Tottenham (7.0). Postponed: Bristol City v Portsmouth, Charlton v Arsenal, Oxford Utd v Swindon, Watford v Queens Park Rangers.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Leeds v Bolton (at Elland Road), Notts County v Sunderland; Rotherham v Stoke; Sheffield Utd v Coventry (at Bramall Lane). Second division: Grimsby v Hull (7.0); Manchester City v Sheffield Wednesday (6.45); Oldham v Huddersfield (7.0)

FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round replay: Southend v Tottenham Hotspur.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Second round: Northgate, Suffolk v St Ignatius, Middlesex (at Cranes Sports, Ipswich, 1.30).

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 unless stated

Tour match
Midlands A v Romania A (at Moseley, 7.15)

Heineken League
Second division
Maesteg v South Wales Police

CLUB MATCHES: Abercarn v Newport; Abercynon v Bridgend, Clifton v Bristol University; Ebbw Vale v Blaina; Lydney v RAF; Neath v Tondu; Pontypool v Mountain Ash; Pontypridd v Penarth. Cancelled: Aberavon v Newbridge.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships (Preston).

BOXING: Commonwealth bantamweight championship: Johnny Armour (GB, holder) v Tsitsi Sokutu (SA) (York Hall, Bethnal Green).

SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth).

TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Obergurgl	50	125	good	varied	good	sun	-1	9/2
(Good skiing on well-packed snow)								
St Anton	85	380	good	varied	good	fine	3	12/2
(Pistes in excellent condition; some spring snow)								
FRANCE								
Courchevel	155	265	good	heavy	good	cloud	5	12/2
(Snow good above 1,700 metres; heavy and slushy below)								
Flaine	150	280	good	heavy	good	snow	2	13/2
(Pistes still good; heavy conditions; snow falling)								
Isola	85	115	powder	powder	good	snow	0	13/2
(Heavy snowfalls; more to come; outlook excellent)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	80	250	good	heavy	good	fog	2	11/2
(Good skiing despite poor visibility because of fog)								
SWITZERLAND								
Grindelwald	20	150	good	varied	fair	cloud	5	11/2
(Mild spring conditions; snow very slow on lowest pistes)								
Villars	50	230	good	heavy	fair	cloud	7	11/2
(Good skiing on well-maintained pistes; very mild)								
Wengen	20	90	good	varied	slush	fine	6	9/2
(Still good skiing but slushy at lowest levels)								
Zermatt	65	300	good	varied	fair	snow	3	13/2
(Pistes good and generally uncrowded; odd worn patch)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

ELIEZER

(b) The servant sent by Abraham to find a kinswoman to be the wife of his son Isaac. Eliezer found Rebecca by waiting at a well for a girl to offer him a drink.

ISSACHAR

(a) One of the 12 sons of Jacob and progenitor of one of the 12 tribes of Israel. His mother was Leah. He was noted for animal strength. His tribe and that of his brother Zebulon were located west of the Sea of Galilee in the northern part of the Promised Land.

MOAB

(b) One of the two sons of Lot whom his daughters, alarmed by advancing years and their isolation, got Lot to father on them when he was too drunk to know what he was doing. Moab was the ancestor of the Moabites; his half-brother Ben-ammi of the Ammonites.

ABNER

(c) The son of Ner, the captain of Saul's army. He remained faithful to Saul in his conflicts with David and was the moving force in making Saul's son, Ish-bosheth, king after Saul's death. In the seven-year war that followed, Abner's principal adversary on David's side was Joab, who eventually murdered him because of a blood feud after peace had been concluded.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, b8/Q Bxb8+; 2, Kb7! and White will eventually queen the a-pawn, e.g. 2, ... c2 (if Black moves the bishop then 3, a7 will queen); 3, Bxc2 Kb5; 4, Bd3+ Ka5; 5, Kxb8.

POOLS FORECAST

NOTE: From this Saturday, Zetters Pools will scrap three points for only jackpot (1-1) draws and revert to three points for all score draws. Other points values remain unchanged.

Saturday February 18 unless stated
Coupon No, fixture, forecast

FA CUP
FIFTH ROUND
1 Watford v C Palace 1

Not on coupons: Everton v Norwich; Liverpool v Wimbledon (Sunday); Manchester United v Leeds (Sunday). Newcastle v Manchester City (Sunday). Queens Park Rangers v Millwall; Tottenham v Southampton, Wolves v Leicester

FA PREMIERSHIP
Not on coupons: Coventry v West Ham; Sheffield Wednesday v Aston Villa

FIRST DIVISION
2 Bolton v Barnsley 1
3 Bristol C v Oldham 1
4 Middlesbro v Charlton 1
5 Southend v Sheff Utd 2
6 Sund'land v Portsm'th 2
7 Tranmere v Reading X
8 West Brom v Notts Co 1

Not on coupons: Burnley v Grimsby; Luton v Swindon

SECOND DIVISION
9 Birmingham v York 1
10 Bradford v Peterboro 1
11 Brighton v Crewe X
12 Camb'ge U v Blackp'l 2
13 Chester v Shrewsbury 2
14 Hudd'field v Cardiff 1
15 Hull v Stockport X
16 Leyton O v Wrexham 1
17 Oxford v Bristol R 2
18 Plymouth v Bourn'm'th X
19 Wycombe v Roth'ham 1

THIRD DIVISION
20 Barnet v Colchester 2
21 Doncaster v Lincoln 1
22 Fulham v Darlington 1
23 Gill'am v North'pton 2
24 Hereford v Bury X
25 Preston v Carlisle 2
26 Rochdale v Exeter 1
27 Scarboro v Hartlepool X
28 Scunth'pe v Chest'field 1
29 Walsall v Torquay 1
30 Wigan v Mansfield X

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE
31 Altrincham v Famboro 1
32 Bath v Halifax X
33 Bromsgrove v Runcorn 1
34 Dover v Maccles'fld 2
35 Gateshead v Merthyr 1
36 Kettering v Welling 1
37 Southport v Northwich 1
38 Stafford v Kid'minster 2
39 Stalybridge v Yeovil 1
40 Telford v Dagenham 2

UNIBOND LEAGUE
41 Bishop Auck v Horwich 1
42 Colwyn Bay v Accr'ton 1
43 Guiseley v Barrow 1
44 Hyde v Droylsden 1
45 Knowsley v Emley 2
46 Matlock v Spennymoor X

DIADORA LEAGUE
47 Aylesbury v Hayes 2
48 Carshalton v Walton 1
49 Chesham v B Stortford 2
50 Grays v Dulwich 1
51 Harrow v Enfield X
52 Hendon v St Albans X

SCOTTISH CUP
FOURTH ROUND
53 Dundee v Raith 1

Not on coupons: Airdrie v Dunfermline, Celtic v Meadowbank; Hearts v Rangers (Monday); Hibernian v Motherwell, Huntly v Dundee United; Kilmarnock v East Fife; Stenhousemuir v Aberdeen

SCOTTISH SECOND
54 Q of South v Brechin 1

SCOTTISH THIRD
55 Albion v Cowdenb'th 2
56 Alloa v Caledonian 1
57 E Stirling v Forfar 2
58 Mont'se v Queen's Pk X

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Tranmere, Brighton, Hull, Plymouth, Hereford, Scarborough, Wigan, Bath, Matlock, Harrow, Hendon, Montrose

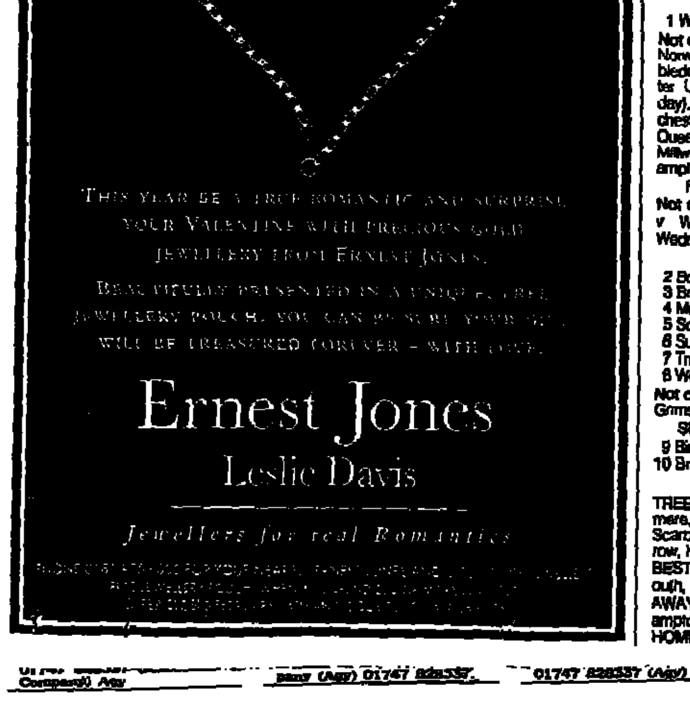
BEST DRAWS: Tranmere, Brighton, Plymouth, Wigan, Bath

AWAYS: Portsmouth, Bristol Rovers, Northampton, Macclesfield, Kidderminster.

HOMES: Middlesbrough, West Brom, Birmingham, Bradford, Rochdale, Scunthorpe, Bromsgrove, Kettering, Colwyn Bay, Hyde, Carshalton, Queen of the South.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: West Brom, Bradford, Rochdale, Bromsgrove, Kettering Aways: Portsmouth, Northampton, Cowdenbeath Draws: Plymouth, Wigan, Bath.

☐ Vince Wright



BBC lines up cream of French calendar

By Julian Muscat

THE BBC is to screen the best Flat racing from France during its *Sunday Grandstand* programme after it emerged triumphant yesterday from lengthy negotiations with GIE Galop, the racing authority in that country. Although the BBC's coverage reaches its zenith with a live broadcast of the Forte Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in October, armchair viewers can expect regular screenings of group one races in France. Those races not shown live will be screened in delayed broadcast shortly after they are run.

Coverage begins on May 14 with the French 1,000 Guineas, 2,000 Guineas and Prix Lupin. Also in the season's package are the Prix du Jockey-Club (French Derby), which will be shown live, and the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks). Both invariably attract British runners.

The BBC assumes broadcasting rights to French racing from Channel 4, which held the contract until yesterday's announcement. The three-year deal, up to and including the 1997 season, offers the BBC compensation for the loss of the Cheltenham Festival to its arch rival three months ago. That Cheltenham reversal appears to have prompted the BBC into a more aggressive commitment towards racing coverage. Its cameras returned to Ayr last month after an absence of 17 years.

Other French races guaranteed television coverage include the Prix Jacques le Marois at Deauville, the Arc de Triomphe trials and opening-day highlights of the Arc de Triomphe weekend. The BBC plans to broadcast as many live races as its Sunday schedule permits.

In expressing his delight with the deal, Pierre Charon, president of GIE Galop, said yesterday: "The main feature will be the Arc de Triomphe, which will be covered live by the BBC as one of their major international sporting events."

On the domestic front, Auburn Castle, Dancing Paddy and Dual Image, all candidates for the Arkle Trophy at the Cheltenham Festival, are among eight horses entered for the Michael Seely Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase on Saturday. The race is named in commemoration of the former racing correspondent of *The Times*.

Jimmy Fitzgerald, who trains Dual Image, is particularly keen to land the two-mile event. "Michael and I were great friends and victory would mean a lot to me," Fitzgerald said. "I was very pleased with the way my horse jumped on his chasing debut at Wetherby but we don't know how good he is. The race has been a lucky one for me in the past."

Dual Image's most dangerous opponent is Dancing Paddy, who accounted for the previously unbeaten Gales Cavalier at Ascot last week. Ken Cunningham-Brown, who trains Dancing Paddy, said yesterday: "I think my horse could beat any novice chaser in the land over two miles. If he is available, Norman Williamson will again ride him."

Newcastle received 21 entries for the Tote Eider Chase on Saturday, among them the Grand National winner, Miinnehoma, and Tartan Tyrant, from the Gordon Richards stable. The pair were due to clash at Uttoxeter on Saturday until that fixture was abandoned due to waterlogging. Ladbrokes bet: 5-2 Tartan Tyrant, 3-1 Miinnehoma, 8-1 Run For Free and 10-1 or better about the others.

Flakey Dove, the winner of last year's Champion Hurdle, has been retired to stud after sustaining damage to the tendon in her off-fore. "We'd probably be fine if the Champion Hurdle was two months away," her trainer, Richard Price, said, "but we only have a month and these leg injuries take time to heal."

NOTTINGHAM

3.20 MICHAEL SEELY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOVICES CHASE
(Grade II: £10,800: 2m) (8 acceptors)
Auburn Castle (trained by O Sherwood); Dancing Paddy (K Cunningham-Brown); Dual Image (Jimmy Fitzgerald); Easthorpe (Miss H Knight); Génie Spirit (T George); Hawaiian Youth (R Rowe); In Truth (S Gollings); Roegill (J White).

NEWCASTLE

3.35 TOTE EIDER HANDICAP CHASE
(£16,177: 4m 1f) (21 acceptors)
Abercromby Chief (J Johnson); Arthur's Minstrel (D Nicholson); Celtic Prince (N Twiston-Davies); Clyde Ranger (M Hammond); Dakyns Boy (N Twiston-Davies); Into The Red (J White); Magic Rain (D Eddy); Miinnehoma (M Pipe); Musthaveaswig (D Nicholson); Native Pride (K Bailey); Prince Yaza (J Curtis); River Tarquin (K Bailey); Run For Free (M Pipe); Tartan Tradewinds (G Richards); Tartan Tyrant (G Richards); Truely Royal (J Charlton); Uranus Collonges (Jimmy Fitzgerald); Ushers Island (J Johnson); Vicompt De Valmont (P Nicholls); Viva Bella (Mrs S Bramall); Willsford (Mrs J Pitman).

WINDSOR

3.25 FAIRLAWNE CHASE
(£8,169: 3m) (11 acceptors)
All Jeff (C Brooks); Brave Defender (J White); Crystal Spirit (I Balding); Feile Na Hinee (R Champion); L'Uomo Piu (A Barrow); Lake Teereen (J. Old); Miinnehoma (M Pipe); Monsieur Le Cure (J Edwards); Royal Athlete (Mrs J Pitman); Whispering Steel (K Bailey); Zeta's Lad (C Brooks).



Fiftysevenchannels leads Bradford Beau on his way to an emphatic victory in *The Times* Rising Stars series qualifier at Hereford

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

RACING AHEAD

QUEEN MOTHER CHAMPION CHASE
Cheltenham, March 15

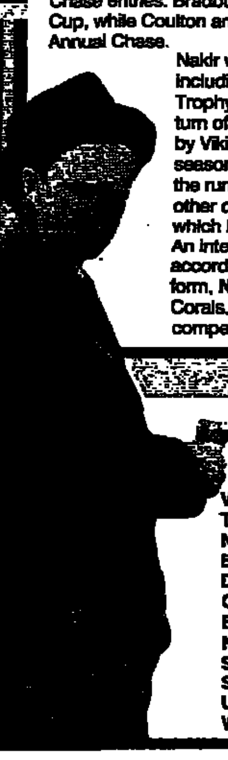
Robert Wright suggests the best value in the ante-post market

Differing opinions keep racing going, and when bookmakers disagree punters have the opportunity to seize the best value. The Game Spirit Chase at Newbury on Saturday offered an intriguing clash between two of the market leaders for the Champion Chase at the Cheltenham Festival. Viking Flagship's departure at the fourth last, when he had just edged past Nakir for the first time, left Nakir to cruise home from his only other rival, Snitton Lane.

Connections of both horses felt that they may have won, but the ground at Newbury was so testing that the result would have had a limited bearing on Cheltenham in any case.

However, the bookmakers had strong views on the race. While Ladbrokes cut Nakir's price to 4-1 from 7-1, Corals were less impressed, quoting him at 8-1. That Ladbrokes should take such a strong view may seem surprising, but I believe Nakir was overpriced in the first place, and that on Champion Chase day Nakir will start at around 3-1.

Doubts surround the participation of several of the Champion Chase entries. Bradbury Star is more likely to run in the Gold Cup, while Coulton and Snitton Lane could go for the Grand Annual Chase.



Nakir was unbeaten in four starts as a novice, including an impressive success in the Arkle Trophy at the Festival, where he showed a useful turn of foot from the last. Although soundly beaten by Viking Flagship on his reappearance this season at Sandown, he was probably in need of the run and prefers a left-handed track. His only other defeat over fences came at Kempton after which he was found to have a bad blood count. An intended runner in the Champion Chase and, according to his trainer, just approaching peak form, NAKIR should be backed now at 8-1 with Corals, as they are likely to fall into line with their competitors by the end of the week.

GUIDE TO THE PRICES

	Corals	Hills	Ladbrokes	Tote
Viking Flagship	6-4	11-8	11-8	6-4
Travado	3-1	3-1	5-2	5-2
Nakir	8-1	6-1	4-1	4-1
Bradbury Star	8-1	8-1	8-1	10-1
Deep Sensation	10-1	12-1	12-1	16-1
Coulton	14-1	10-1	12-1	16-1
Egypt Mill Prince	14-1	14-1	16-1	14-1
Katabatic	16-1	14-1		
Sybillin	20-1	25-1	25-1	25-1
Snitton Lane	33-1	33-1	25-1	25-1
Uncle Ernie	40-1	25-1	25-1	20-1
Wild Atlantic	1000-1	1000-1	2000-1	750-1

Fiftysevenchannels tunes in to winning frequency

By Brian Beel

THE third renewal of *The Times* Rising Stars hunter chase series got off to a rousing start yesterday when Fiftysevenchannels landed an impressive all-the-way success in the Hereford qualifier. Under a confident ride from Noel Wilson, the six-year-old readily brushed aside the challenges of his rivals for an 11-length win over Celtic Abbey.

Bradford Beau chased the leader until four fences from home to be succeeded by Lord Of The West. However, his turn at the head of the chasing pack was all too brief as he swiftly weakened and was pulled up.

As the dangers evaporated, Celtic Abbey, who ran a splendid race in attempting to give Fiftysevenchannels a stone, was left to pursue the winner. But his chance disappeared with an error at the second-last fence which his rider, David Jones, did well to survive.

After being denied an outing in the four-mile chase at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Rusty Bridge was diverted here and stayed on well to take third with Andrelot the only other finisher.

Fiftysevenchannels is owned by John Cooper, who tried to win the first series two years ago with Many A Slip. After winning at Kelso, Many A Slip was injured in the final and, although he was coming back into work some 18 months later, he injured himself again and was put down last November.

Cooper bought Fiftysevenchannels in Ireland last year to win a bet. He had to have a winner before the end of February and, already successful in a point-to-point, he remained in Ireland to win two more races before being shipped across to join Tim Walford's string at Sheriff Hutton. Walford and his rider, Noel Wilson, are enjoying a purple patch, having completed six wins and a second from seven outings with five horses.

"When he came from Enda Bolger he was as thin as a rail and looked like a rabbit," Walford said. "I wasn't sure whether that was how he should look for racing but he's put on a bit of condition now and probably needs another race before he is at his best."

Keith Powell was pleased with the performance of Celtic Abbey. "I take every race as it comes," he said, "but I see no reason after this why he shouldn't take his chance in the Cheltenham Foxhunters."

Rusty Bridge is likely to have another race before attempting the four-mile National Hunt Chase, also at the Festival. Keith Johnson said: "He went well enough here in ground that he hates. I was disappointed he could not go at Uttoxeter on Saturday as I think he had a tremendous chance at the weights."

Fiftysevenchannels may go to Kelso for his next race in another qualifier for *The Times* series. Cooper's wife, Margaret, has one just as good in Country Tarrogen and he is likely to run in the other northern qualifier at Wetherby in 15 days' time.

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Hereford details

2.30 THE TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE (Qualifier: amateurs: £1,968: 3m 1f 110yd)
1, FIFTYSEVENCHANNELS (Mr N Wilson, 13-8 fav); 2, Celtic Abbey (Mr D S Jones, 5-1); 3, Rusty Bridge (Mr R Johnson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Woodbury Fair (pu), 9-2 Lord Of The West (pu), 12 Coverdale Lane (pu), 14 Bradford Beau (pu), 25 Andrelot (4th), 33 My Nominee (pu), 50 In The Water (pu), 100 Agapanthus (pu), Saracen's Boy (pu). 12 ran. 11l, 5l, dist. T Walford at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £3.00; £1.10, £2.90, £1.40. DF: £10.70. CSF: £10.52.

Corsie and Marshall put on solid display of teamwork

By Gordon Allan

THE Churchill Insurance world indoor bowls championships began at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday with a series of pairs matches, from which Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall, from Scotland, the world outdoor champions, were among the early winners.

They defeated Andrew Curtain and Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, 7-0, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5. Curtain is new to the portable rink and it showed during the opening ends, as Marshall, playing lead for a change, piled his bowls on the jack at every opportunity and Corsie consolidated.

From 6-3 down in the third set, however, Curtain and Brassey won the next three ends to take the match into a fourth set, in which they led 5-0 before succumbing to the greater experience of the Scots. "We'd have been under the cosh if they'd won that fourth set," Corsie said.

Roy Battersby and David Corkill had an even harder game, against Neil Burkett, of South Africa, and Peter Mutter, of Canada. The Irishmen saw a two-set lead wiped out, dropping a maximum count of four shots to lose the fourth 7-3. They edged home 7-3 in the decider to take their place in the quarter-finals, in which their opponents could be Cameron Curtis and Ian Schuback, of Australia, the defending champions.

Corsie and Marshall play John Price and Stephen Rees, the formidable Welshmen, in the last eight. Price and Rees fended off a good comeback by Adrian Welch and David Le Marquand, from the Channel Islands, to win in four sets.

Welch and Le Marquand found belated form, but Price and Rees, though not at their best, played more steadily to go through.

Andy Thomson opens the defence of his singles championship against Le Marquand on Friday. On the same day, women make their first appearance in this event, with Jan Woodley, of Scotland, the women's world indoor singles champion, playing Hugh Duff and Margaret Johnston, of Ireland, the women's world outdoor champion, facing Schuback.

RESULTS: Pairs: First round: R Battersby and D Corkill (Ire) bt N Burkett (SA) and P Mutter (Can) 7-5, 7-2, 3-7, 3-7, 7-3; R Corsie and A Marshall (Scot) bt A Curtain and R Brassey (NZ) 7-0, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; J Price and S Rees (Wales) bt A Welch (Guer) and D Le Marquand (Jer) 7-0, 7-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Lee Valley give hint of revival

BOTH divisions of ice hockey's British League appear to be splitting into the haves and have-nots, with an ever increasing gap between them (Norman de Mesquita writes).

In the premier division, Nottingham Panthers, Sheffield Steelers, Cardiff Devils and Edinburgh Racers are virtually certain to fill the top four places, while Bracknell Bees, Milton Keynes Kings, Whitley Warriors and Peterborough Pirates will almost certainly be involved in the promotion/relegation play-offs.

While most of the weekend results confirmed the pecking order, there were a couple of surprises in the first division. Lee Valley, who are in danger of falling out of the division, gained only their third win of the season, a 3-1 success over Chelmsford, who had Alexei Kuznetzov ejected for striking an official.

Trafford Metros, who have strengthened their squad significantly in recent weeks and had lost only once in their previous 13 games, went down at home to Telford, who scored five times without reply in the final period.

THUNDERER

1.50 Triple Joy
2.20 LAWBUSTER (nap)
2.50 Merrie Le Bow
3.20 Perilous Plight
3.50 Wild Rice
4.20 Arc Bright
4.50 Bold Effort

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 HERR TRIGGER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Triple Joy. 2.20 Star Fighter. 3.50 WILD RICE (nap).

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.50 REID MINTY HANDICAP
(£3,490: 6f) (6 runners)

101 (4) 20111-3 TRIPLE JOY 31 (CD,G) (Hesmonds Stud) M Prescott 4-9-13 ... G Duffield [illegible]
102 (5) 026-321 SPENDER 14 (CD,F,G) (The Entrepreneurs) P Harris 6-9-6 ... J Stack (5) 97
103 (6) 26510-3 MOSCOW ROAD 14 (S) (M Williamson & Co) Miss B Sanders 4-9-2 S Sanders (3) 97
104 (1) 00113-2 SPEEDY CLASSIC 17 (CD,F,G) (Stainless Design) M Heaton-Ellis 6-8-6 L Dettori 94
105 (3) 0/00-14 CRYSTAL HEIGHTS 7 (CD,BF,G) (J Joseph) R O'Sullivan 7-8-4 ... J Weaver 94
106 (2) 0600-65 THORNY BISHOP 35 (CD,G) (T Thom) J Bridger 4-8-3 ... G Bardwell —

BETTING: 5-2 Triple Joy, 3-1 Spender, 7-2 Moscow Road, 4-1 Crystal Heights, 5-1 Speedy Classic, 20-1 Thorny Bishop.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TRIPLE JOY head and 1¾l 3rd of 16 to Red Valerian in handicap here (AW, 7f). Previously completed treble, beat Red Valerian 1¼l in 11-runner handicap here (AW, 7f).
SPENDER beat Distant Dynasty ¾l in 7-runner handicap here (AW, 5f) with MOSCOW ROAD (5lb better off) 1l 3rd.
SPEEDY CLASSIC head 2nd of 11 to Nordico Princess in handicap here (AW, 5f). CRYSTAL HEIGHTS about 3l 4th of 9 to Sir Tasker in handicap over course and distance. Previously beat Purbeck Centenary ¾l in 10-runner handicap over course and distance (AW). THORNY BISHOP 12¾l 6th of 8 to Pageboy in handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start.
Selection: TRIPLE JOY

2.20 REID MINTY LIBEL & SLANDER CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,081: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

201 (9) 0- BELLARA 119 (R Craddock) N Babbage 9-0 ... V Slattery —
202 (2) 605-354 WITNEY-DE-BERGERAC 3 (G) (E Houghton) J Moore 8-13 ... R Hughes 91
203 (1) 0513-44 STAR FIGHTER 14 (CD,G) (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-11 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) [illegible]
204 (8) 00052-6 KEYS SEMINAR 14 (R Carvill) N Callaghan 8-9 ... L Dettori 97
205 (10) 80600-5 AL CORNICHE 5 (F) (A and M Racing Partners) M Channon 8-2 ... P P Murphy (5) 92
206 (6) 030-514 FAHEMA 21 (B,C,BF,G) (A Foustok) R Boss 8-2 ... G Duffield 96
207 (7) 0-05 DINGO WARRIOR 7 (R Kerr) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-1 ... J Quinn 73
208 (3) 5600-06 FIRST POINT 11 (V) (Racing Days Racing) C Allen 8-1 ... M Baird (5) 70
209 (5) 04-2330 LAWBUSTER 15 (J Jannaway) W Muir 8-1 ... D Harrison 97
210 (4) 5054-6 ELITE NUMBER 35 (B) (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-0 ... C Rutter 96

BETTING: 5-2 Fahema, 7-2 Elite Number, 4-1 Star Fighter, 5-1 Lawbuster, 10-1 others.

1994: LIVELY 8-2 Paul Eddery (5-2) G Lewis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

STAR FIGHTER 6¼l 4th of 11 to Nigel's Lad in handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start with ELITE NUMBER (2lb better off) 4¼l 6th.
KEYS SEMINAR ½l 2nd of 5 to Shy Paddy in maiden at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd).
FAHEMA beat Iron Man 4l in 10-runner seller here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. LAWBUSTER neck and 5l 3rd of 7 to Mr Mactavish in maiden auction at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd) on penultimate start. ELITE NUMBER 3¾l 4th of 30 to Domappel in seller at Newmarket (1m, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: ELITE NUMBER

2.50 REID MINTY MOVE TO MAYFAIR MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,613: 6f) (6 runners)

301 (1) 025220- DAS ISLAND 56 (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 9-0 ... L Dettori [illegible]
302 (5) 0 PARONOMASIA 8 (P Barrett) M Bell 9-0 ... G Faulkner (7) —
303 (6) 63-233 MERRIE LE BOW 8 (Castle Farm Stud) Pat Mitchell 8-9 ... J McLaughlin 97
304 (4) 406-40 NOMADIC DANCER 7 (Mrs D Saunders) M Saunders 8-9 ... A Dicks 93
305 (3) 00 SLYBIRD 3 (A Reid) M Ryan 8-9 ... A Clark —
306 (2) 05-0 TINKER AMELIA 4 (J Jannaway) W Muir 8-9 ... J Weaver 85

BETTING: 5-4 Merrie Le Bow, 9-4 Das Island, 5-1 Paronomasia, 7-1 Nomadic Dancer, 10-1 others.

1994: CAVERS YANGOUS 9-0 J Weaver (11-8 fav) M Johnston 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DAS ISLAND short-head 2nd of 14 to Musical Fantasy in nursery over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. MERRIE LE BOW 1¾l 3rd of 8 to Montague Dawson in maiden auction at Southwell (AW, 6f) with PARONOMASIA 15¾l 7th. NOMADIC DANCER 7¾l 4th of 10 to One For Jeanne in handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. SLYBIRD 19l 9th of 10 to Fahema in seller here (AW, 7f) on penultimate start. TINKER AMELIA about 5¾l 5th of 13 to Fairy Fay in claimer over course and distance (AW).
Selection: DAS ISLAND

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BOLD EFFORT (4.50 Lingfield Park)
Next best: Sheltered Cove (4.20 Lingfield Park)

3.20 REID MINTY 15TH ANNIVERSARY LIMITED STAKES
(£2,663: 1m) (8 runners)

401 (6) 0-02411 PERILOUS PLIGHT 12 (CD,F,G) (J Jannaway) W Muir 4-9-6 ... J Weaver 94
402 (8) 065-001 MENTALASANYTHIN 7 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M O'Donnell) A Bailey 6-9-3 ... A Mackay [illegible]
403 (4) 1/5002-5 DESERT INVADER 14 (B,S) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-9-0 ... D R McCabe (3) 90
404 (3) 500200- KINTWYN 50 (CD,G) (Mrs F Bacon) C Elsey 5-9-0 ... D Harrison 90
405 (7) 0005-04 PIRATES GOLD 14 (C,G) (E Nott) J White 5-9-0 ... S Drowne (5) 85
406 (5) 0130-52 THE LITTLE FERRET 21 (D,F) (K Higson) G L Moore 5-9-0 ... S Whitworth 88
407 (2) 3300-20 PILLOW TALK 29 (D,F) (G-Express Limited) K Burke 4-8-9 ... R Cochrane 99
408 (1) 00300-5 ZACAROON 21 (G) (P Leonard) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-9 ... L Dettori 93

BETTING: 5-2 Perilous Plight, 3-1 Mentalasanythin, 5-1 Kintwyn, 6-1 Pirates Gold, Zacaroon, 7-1 others.

1994: SIR NORMAN HOLT 5-9-0 D Biggs (6-4 fav) R O'Sullivan 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PERILOUS PLIGHT completed double, beat Swallow Ridge 6l in handicap over course and distance (AW). MENTALASANYTHIN beat Bold Habit 8l in amateur riders' handicap over course and distance (AW). DESERT INVADER 1¾l 2nd of 9 to Tyrian Purple in claimer at Southwell (AW, 5f) on penultimate start. KINTWYN best recent effort when 1¾l 2nd of 12 to Sweet Supposin in handicap over course and distance (AW). PIRATES GOLD about 6¾l 4th of 8 to Spencer's Revenge in rated stakes here (AW, 7f) with DESERT INVADER ¾l 5th. THE LITTLE FERRET 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Words Of Wisdom in apprentice jockeys' handicap here (AW, 7f). PILLOW TALK head 2nd of 12 to Aitch N'Bee in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 1m 1f 79yd)
Selection: MENTALASANYTHIN

3.50 REID MINTY LITIGATORS CONDITIONS STAKES
(£3,674: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

501 (3) 1 EL ATREVIDO 40 (CD,S) (Mrs A Brooks) N Waller 5-9-10 ... R Cochrane 90
502 (4) 1123U-4 HERR TRIGGER 42 (B,C,G) (The Ina Crowd) J Scargill 4-9-7 ... M Rimmer [illegible]
503 (5) TIP THE DOVE 35J (C Price) R Price 5-9-1 ... Stephen Davies —
504 (6) 1-6 JUST LUCKY 5 (G) (H Hart) R Armstrong 3-8-4 ... L Dettori 88
505 (2) 1 WILD RICE 7 (C,G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-4 ... W Woods 85
506 (1) SPEEDYBIRD (A Reid) B Meehan 3-7-9 ... J Quinn —

BETTING: 5-4 Wild Rice, 5-2 Herr Trigger, 4-1 El Atrevido, 9-2 Just Lucky, 8-1 Tip The Dove, 25-1 Speedybird.

1994: BEVERLY KNIGHT 4-10-0 C Rutter (6-1) D Murray-Smith 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

EL ATREVIDO beat Regal Pursuit head in 8-runner maiden over course and distance (AW). HERR TRIGGER about 3¼l 4th of 8 to Bineqast in handicap over course and distance (AW). TIP THE DOVE 26¼l 6th of 11 to Great Marquess in novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft) on latest hurdles start, January 1995. JUST LUCKY beat Inn At The Top 6l in 16-runner maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m) on penultimate start. WILD RICE beat Nashaich 3½l in 7-runner maiden here (AW, 7f). SPEEDYBIRD by Danehill, half-brother to a couple on winners including 1m winning juvenile Galliero; dam winning half-sister to Mill Reef.
Selection: HERR TRIGGER (nap)

4.20 REID MINTY FURTHER & BETTER PARTICULARS HANDICAP
(£2,751: 2m) (12 runners)

601 (5) 045-213 ARC BRIGHT 21 (CD,G) (J Sigg) R Hollinshead 5-10-0 ... L Dettori 95
602 (11) 35000-5 MR COPYFORCE 12 (V,C,F,G) (Copyforce) Miss B Sanders 5-9-12 S Sanders (3) 91
603 (12) 3/P00-34 ELBURG 21 (F) (Mrs A Gamble) R Hoad 5-9-12 ... J Quinn 95
604 (9) 000/00-0 PRAIRIE GROVE 7 (C,G,S) (Mrs M O'Kelly) J King 5-9-4 ... G Bardwell —
605 (4) 506-083 PEARLY RIVER 7 (C,G) (Manor Farm Packers Ltd) J Scargill 4-9-1 ... M Rimmer 95
606 (8) 1466-34 ROSE OF GLENN 19 (C,F,G) (K Rideout) B Palling 4-8-10 ... G Duffield 98
607 (2) 22808-5 SHELTERED COVE 17 (F) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-8-10 ... J Weaver 91
608 (1) 1540-60 IN BEHIND 26 (CD,F,G) (J Horgan) G L Moore 4-8-8 ... R Perham 83
609 (6) 1262/ SOUTH SANDS 19J (B,F) (D Walker) A Forte 9-8-4 ... S Drowne (5) —
610 (3) 213-266 WOTTASHAMBLES 26 (G,S) (Dream On Pints) G Lewis 4-8-4 ... Stephen Davies 95
611 (7) 242345/ DOC'S COAT 489J (M Keating) C Wildman 10-8-4 ... D Harrison —
612 (10) 5/000-40 DISPUTED CALL 19 (B,C,G) (A Champion) J Hills 6-8-3 ... R Cochrane [illegible]

BETTING: 9-4 Arc Bright, 7-2 Pearly River, 9-2 Rose Of Glenn, 7-1 Elburg, 10-1 Mr Copyforce, Disputed Call, 12-1 Wottashambles, 16-1 others.

1994: MILNGAVIE 4-8-7 J Weaver (11-4) M Johnston 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARC BRIGHT beat Jawani 9l in 9-runner handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start, with WOTTASHAMBLES (6lb better off) 25½l 6th and IN BEHIND (6lb better off) 2½l 7th. MR COPYFORCE 9¾l 5th of 7 to Art Forum in handicap here (AW, 1M 4f). ELBURG 6¼l 3rd of 7 to Kadin in amateur riders' handicap over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. PEARLY RIVER 1¾l and neck 3rd of 7 to Majal in handicap here (AW, 1m 4f).
ROSE OF GLENN 8l 4th of 11 to Head Turner in stakes race here (1m 4f, AW). SHELTERED COVE 17¾l 5th of 8 to Casapethian in handicap here (AW, 1m 4f). IN BEHIND about 24¾l last of 6 to Bentico in handicap here (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start.
SOUTH SANDS, unraced on Flat for 5 years, 11th of 18 to Royal Piper in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft) last month. WOTTASHAMBLES 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Long Furlong in handicap here (AW, 1m 4f).
Selection: ARC BRIGHT

4.50 REID MINTY SOLICITORS SPRINT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,724: 6f) (6 runners)

1 (3) 220-213 BOLD EFFORT 19 (CD,BF,G) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 9-7 ... J Weaver 96
2 (6) 506-441 DOLLY FACE 19 (C,F,G) (S Meadows) W Muir 9-0 ... L Dettori 97
3 (2) 133416 BON SECRET 5 (C,G) (F Jackman) T Naughton 9-0 ... S Sanders (3) 94
4 (5) 051-311 WHITTINGHAM GIRL 13 (D,G) (T & M Bibby) J Berry 8-9 ... G Carter [illegible]
5 (1) 06130-3 MUSICAL FANTASY 17 (CD,G) (K Gowen) B Meehan 8-2 ... B Doyle 98
6 (4) 1453-50 ROTHERFIELD PARK 21 (B) (Miss R Dean) C Smith 7-11 ... N Varley (5) 98

BETTING: 5-2 Dolly Face, 11-4 Bold Effort, 7-2 Whittingham Girl, 4-1 Bon Secret, 5-1 Musical Fantasy, 16-1 Rotherfield Park.

1994: RUNNING GLIMPSE 6-9-6 D Wright (4-1) Miss B Sanders 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOLD EFFORT beat Chewit 1¼l in 7-runner auction maiden over course and distance (AW) on penultimate start. DOLLY FACE beat Washleet ½l in 4-runner handicap here (AW, 5f) with BOLD EFFORT (2lb better off) neck 3rd and BON SECRET (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th. BON SECRET beat Superlao short-head in 6-runner claimer here (AW, 5f) on penultimate start.
WHITTINGHAM GIRL completed double beat David James' Girl ½l in 9-runner seller at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). MUSICAL FANTASY 3¼l 3rd of 7 to Ultra Beet in claimer here (AW, 5f). ROTHERFIELD PARK 12¾l 5th of 7 to Portend in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f) on penultimate start.
Selection: BOLD EFFORT

Blinkered first time

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Hereford

Going: heavy

2.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Mistress Rosie (A P McCoy, 10-1); 2, Colette's Choice (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Dragons Lady (16-1). Pinatubo 5-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Lucy Two Shoes. 6l, 3½l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £8.30; £2.10, £2.10, £4.30. DF: £44.90. CSF: £58.80.

2.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) see above.

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Fox Chapel (W Marston, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Super Richart (10-1); 3, Mamalama (8-1). High Low 5-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 4l, sh hd. R Juckes. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £17.70. Trio: £16.60. CSF: £16.28. Tricast: £88.03. Lobilio (11-4) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction of 25p in pound.

3.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Carlingford Belle (Richard Guest, 4-1); 2, Alamo Scout (100-30); 3, Counterbalance (Evens fav). 5 ran. 2l, 8l. J Needham. Tote: £4.70; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £15.70. CSF: £16.37.

4.00 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Tamergale (D Bridgwater, 7-1); 2, Poppea (7-4); 3, Shrulawn (6-4 fav). 9 ran. 6l, 20l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £1.10, £1.20. DF: £8.70. CSF: £19.38.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Rainham (D Gallagher, 7-2 jt-fav); 2, Evening Rain (7-2 jt-fav); 3, Old Road (4-1). Rather Sharp 7-2 jt-fav (ur). 6 ran. 3l, 15l. D McCain. Tote: £4.80; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £5.90. CSF: £14.09.

5.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Bold Acre (D J Burchell, 10-1); 2, Quelque Chose (8-1); 3, First Century (5-2). Ainsi Soit Il 2-1 fav. 14 ran. NR: Idiom. ½l, 4l. D Burchell. Tote: £8.60; £2.60, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £40.30. Trio: £31.60. CSF: £95.72. Tricast: £275.07.

Placepot: £100.10. Quadpot: £28.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.10 (1m 4f) 1, Ashover (Kimberley Hart, 100-30); 2, Palacegate Jo (2-1 fav); 3, Phigun (9-1). 8 ran. NR: Killing Time. 5l, 1¼l. T Barron. Tote: £5.00; £1.70, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £10.19.

2.40 (7f) 1, Pine Ridge Lad (S D Williams, 7-2); 2, No Submission (100-30 jt-fav); 3, Zanzara (33-1). Battle Colours 100-30 jt-fav. 12 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Eyre. Tote: £3.70; £2.00, £1.00, £8.60. DF: £6.30. CSF: £13.82. Alpine Johnny (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction of 5p in pound.

3.10 (6f) 1, Shadow Jury (L Dettori, 100-30); 2, Chadwell Hall (11-4); 3, Christian Flight (25-1). At The Savoy 9-4 fav. 7 ran. NR: White Sorrel. ½l, 1¼l. D Chapman. Tote: £8.10; £3.90, £2.00. DF: £6.70. CSF: £12.61. Tricast: £174.74.

3.40 (1m) 1, Bentico (J Weaver, 5-1); 2, Aquado (7-1); 3, Roar On Tour (6-4 fav). 13 ran. 1½l, sh hd. Mrs N Macauley. Tote: £5.70; £1.90, £1.70, £1.30. DF: £14.50. Trio: £9.80. CSF: £41.74. Tricast: £72.81.

4.10 (1m) 1, Bakers Daughter (J Quinn, 12-1); 2, Little Scarlett (4-1); 3, Summer Villa (12-1). Boldly So 2-1 fav (pu). 10 ran. 2½l, 2l. J Arnold. Tote: £18.10; £2.60, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £57.00. CSF: £60.37.

4.40 (1m 3f) 1, Camden's Ransom (B Doyle, 16-1); 2, Tu Opes (4-1); 3, Suvez (5-1). Sunday News'n'echo 7-2 fav. 13 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. H Rowsell. Tote: £33.00; £3.90, £3.30, £1.60. DF: £50.50. Trio: £25.10. CSF: £80.29. Tricast: £349.50.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £5,044.37 carried forward to Lingfield today).

Placepot: £41.50. Quadpot: £36.10.

☐ Today's meeting at Leicester was called off yesterday because of waterlogging.

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Oliver Holt talks to John Barnes, a central figure in the Liverpool revival

From wide boy to reluctant middleman

John Barnes fires words like bullets. They spill from his lips in volley after volley and he pauses only to assess their effect. It is not verbiage, either. Every word counts; every one finds its mark. Fifteen minutes in conversation with him is of more worth than an afternoon with many of his fellow professionals.

While some of his teammates seem to delight in displays of cussedness, Barnes prides himself on his skills of communication. People want to listen again, too. He has been at the centre of the Liverpool revival under Roy Evans, and Terry Venables has resuscitated his England career, giving him the chance to increase his tally of caps to 76. Ironically, he is not able to add to them this week in Dublin. While England play Ireland tomorrow, Barnes will be hoping to advance Liverpool's Coca-Cola Cup cause in the first leg of the semi-final against Crystal Palace at Anfield.

After the FA Cup fourth-round tie at Turf Moor, the Burnley players singled out Barnes as the man who had prevented an upset, the one who had held Liverpool together and given them shape when they were in danger of being overrun. Steve McManaman was given the freedom to roam forward, leaving Barnes to excel in the midfield holding position allotted to him.

His play there mirrors his speech. Every pass is precise and measured; the timing is perfect; delivery is neat and quick, and rarely flustered, with little wasted. His detractors, the ones who said that he was finished when he was laid low by injury and disagreements with Graeme Souness, the previous manager, have begun to change their tune, but Barnes, 31, still yearns for a change.

"We have got a lot of attacking players in the team," he said, "and the manager assumes that I am the one who is a bit more disciplined, has been around a bit longer and is a bit more aware, so I am asked to play the holding role. But it does not compare with the thrill of actually attacking, getting forward, getting goals, going past players. All things being equal, I would like a more attacking role.

"But all things are not equal. You have got to look at the structure of the team, the make-up of the team, the players in the team, and realise that that is not possible. I play a more basic game now, getting the ball off the back four and playing it to the front men."

Barnes is keen to emphasise that he is not complaining. He is thankful to be fully fit for the first time since he ruptured his Achilles tendon while playing for England against Finland in 1992, happy to be part of a new beginning at Anfield after the trauma of the Souness reign, when, together with other senior players, he was made the scapegoat for the club's failings.

"I do not feel I was misused as a player by Souness," he said. "Because of my fitness level, I was not able to do what I am capable of doing. I was able to do it for five or ten minutes, and after that I was playing on memory.

"His frustration was: 'Why are you not doing it?', and my frustration with him was: 'Can't you understand how long I've been out?.' If you miss pre-season, you will not be able to perform consistently at the highest level, but, as soon as I was injury free, I was playing in the first team. I was not match fit, but I had to play."

Now, like Ian Rush, Barnes is playing for a new contract. He wants a three-year deal when his present one expires, at the end of the season, and is waiting for the club to open negotiations. He is at the crossroads; the memories of his goal against Brazil in 1984 tinged with sepia; his part in the great Liverpool teams of the past a cherished relic of another era. But as the new breed — Fowler, Babb, Redknapp, McManaman and Jones — come into their own, the chance to bridge two dynasties beckons.

"This is a new beginning for all of us," Barnes said. "We were in the doldrums for three years and everyone said that that was the end of Liverpool. The team and I had a barren spell, but now we are enjoying a resurgence. It is a new lease of life for all of us.

"It is a happier squad now, but, when Souness was in charge, we had a lot of senior players who were injured. A lot of the kids were thrown in and a lot was asked of them. With the best will in the world, we were never going to maintain what we had achieved in the late Eighties. Now, they aren't kids any more. Roy Evans has had the benefit of three years Graeme Souness didn't have.

"They are still young, they have still got a long way to go, but the future is good for Liverpool. The potential is there for us to become one of the great Liverpool sides. Past glories, past failures, count for nothing now."



Barnes, the winger who moved inside and back to full fitness, is relishing being part of the new Liverpool. Photograph: Howard Barlow

Africa rises up as one against Fifa's decision

ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

FIFA is discovering what it means to have a tiger by the tail. Last Friday, the world governing body for football cancelled, at a month's notice, the world youth (under-20) championships that were scheduled for Nigeria from March 11 to 26. Tomorrow, Fifa's seven-man emergency committee sits in Zurich to "reconsider" its decision in the light of the wrath of every imaginable African sporting and political force.

Fifa's reason for calling off the tournament was an outbreak of meningitis and cholera at two of the competition venues. A delegation from Lagos, including a top World Health Organisation official, flew to Zurich, and Fifa's headquarters, yesterday with documentation insisting that Fifa had exaggerated the problems and assurances that the Nigerian Government could contain the epidemic.

Furthermore, the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) warned of the repercussions of Fifa's decision. "Fifa's unfortunate action will have negative and grave consequences on Africa's future participation in international football tournments," the OAU said.

Among the sporting authorities denouncing Fifa, Musembi Mbathi, the chairman of the Kenya National Sports Council, said: "Black Africa may conclude that Fifa was out for every possible opportunity to deny Nigeria this golden opportunity of hosting a global soccer event."

The Kenyan comments come after João Havelange, the autocratic president of Fifa, had attempted in January to persuade Nigeria to withdraw from hosting the tournament, a withdrawal based on different criteria. Though Fifa headquarters denied it, the Nigerian federation published a letter from Havelange, in which he condemned the organisation, the structure and readiness of the stadia and the communications facilities.

When the seven gentlemen of the emergency committee meet tomorrow, their dilemma will be profound. Unless they are totally convinced that there is no health risk, they cannot put young players at risk. But, if a withdrawal from Nigeria is in order, then why not call on South Africa, now repatriated into the Fifa fold, to stage the tournament on African soil? Perhaps this is one time that England should be grateful not to have qualified for an international football event.

Meanwhile, Fifa is trying to insist that players chosen by their national federations be released for the blighted tournament, presumably because it may be relocated, and clubs who pay their wages are furious. Real Madrid have attempted to block their loss of the teenage wonder, Raul Gonzalez Blanco, and Ajax have at least three players who would have to miss their European Cup quarter-final second leg at home to Hadjuk Split.

SPEAKING of England's non-participation, the break-up of Barcelona has come too late for Manchester United. The Barcelona team, that routed United in the European Cup, is now in collapse. Romario has been dispatched back to Brazil, Stoichkov has reverted to his old tempestuous ways, and the precarious defence has been hammered.

Last month, Barcelona lost 5-0 to Real Madrid; last Tuesday, Atlético Madrid thrashed Barcelona 4-1 in the Spanish Cup in the Nou Camp; and last Saturday, Real Santander repeated the 5-0 humiliation of Johan Cruyff's multimillion pound team, a humiliation which included two sendings off.

Cruyff takes embarrassments hard; he has talked of the time arriving to make "difficult decisions". Carlos Rexach, his assistant, was less diplomatic. "It's time to take the bull by the horns, time for revolution and new players," he said. Stoichkov was less than reverent about his team coach. "When the team wins, it's because of Cruyff. When we lose, it's down to the players."

THE third area where grave consequences are applicable is Genoa. On Wednesday night, either alarmingly early or perceptibly close to the event, the Italian league has decided to restage the Genoa versus AC Milan match which was halted two Sundays ago after a Genoa fan had been stabbed to death.

Apparently, financial considerations are also at play. The league says that it would be difficult to play the match later in the season because of Milan's European Cup participation. Let us hope that Italy has timed the rematch correctly.

Watch the break in Brookside tonight and see one more kiss.

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Hyperactive O'Sullivan leads next generation

Phil Yates on the threat facing snooker's elite from emerging talents

RONNIE O'SULLIVAN, who became the youngest winner in the history of the Benson and Hedges Masters on Sunday, and John Higgins, his 9-3 victim in the final at Wembley, are irrefutably the finest teenage talents that snooker has produced in a decade.

In winning the United Kingdom championship in November 1993, O'Sullivan superseded Stephen Hendry as the youngest winner of a ranking event. He has now become the most junior Masters champion and genuinely believes that, come April, he could easily replace Hendry as the youngest world champion.

O'Sullivan, a hyperactive individual whose Achilles' heel is an inability to sustain peak concentration for lengthy periods, may find the slog of 17 days at the Crucible too taxing at the moment, but, if he can overcome that problem, anything is possible.

Higgins, more level-headed and less likely to fall prey to distraction, also has the game to prevail at the championship. That is the opinion of O'Sullivan, who said, after collecting £120,000 for winning the Masters, that he felt that everyone, apart from Higgins, Hendry and himself, was "struggling". This season, Hendry has already won four tournaments and £290,000 in prize-money to head the earners' list by a considerable margin, so it would be ridiculous to say that the king is dead.

Hendry remains at the peak of his powers as he demonstrated by compiling an unprecedented 12 century breaks on the way to capturing the United Kingdom championship last November. The Scot shows no signs of relinquishing his status as the game's pre-eminent exponent.

However, if Hendry does go into decline — there is a school of thought that he will retire at the top in the year 2000 — it is fair to assume that Higgins and O'Sullivan, at the vanguard of the youth movement, will become dominant.

Steve Davis ruled in the Eighties, Hendry took over at the start of the Nineties and Higgins and O'Sullivan each possesses the credentials to lead the professional game into the 21st century. The Davis and Hendry monopolies could easily be replaced by a Higgins-O'Sullivan duopoly.

Other young players have displayed real potential, including Mark Williams, 19, from Ebbw Vale, Stephen Lee, 20, from Trowbridge, a former English amateur champion, and Andy Hicks, 21, from Tavistock, who reached the semi-finals of the Skoda Grand Prix in October.

Yet few would argue that, in terms of temperament, application and natural ability, Higgins and O'Sullivan possess the full package of skills required to reach the top. O'Sullivan, who, along with Higgins, turned professional in the summer of 1992, is the more impulsive of the pair; Higgins appeals more to the traditionalist.

It is the contrast in styles which ensures that the future of the game is in safe, if very young, hands. The immediate future is the £325,000 Sweater Shop International Open, which got under way at Bournemouth yesterday. O'Sullivan assumes the unaccustomed role of elder statesman today when he begins his challenge for John Parrott's title by meeting Graeme Dott, 17, from Glasgow, in the first round.

RADIO CHOICE

Love and the pheromones

True Love: At Last, Scientific Proof! *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*

This is the most, and least, romantic of Radio 4's St Valentine's Day offerings. Sue Nelson, glass of wine in one hand, Mills and Boon-type novel in the other, works her way through a tale of a heaving bosom and a manly chest who find True Love after a stumble or two. Scientists, biochemists and behavioural experts break into her absorption, with theories about pheromones, androgens, oestrogens and cuddle chemicals. Fortunately, Nelson cannot hear them. Otherwise, the Mills and Boon would probably be thrown into the wastepaper bin. At one point, the romantic and scientific merge. The first kiss, we learn, is like a ballet, involving the action of nine pairs of muscles (scientific).

My Music. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

There are five good reasons why I welcome the return of this musical quiz. They are, in alphabetical order, Amis, Muir, Norden, Race and Wallace. There is also a sixth, and it is what invariably happens when the chairman/pianist Steve Race puts questions to his four old chums. Need I tell you what it is? Can it really be that you have never — not ever! — heard *My Music* before? Let me tell you, then. *My Music* is only incidentally a test of musical knowledge. Fundamentally, it is a fusion of five warm and witty minds so well-tuned to each other that you cannot imagine them resuming their separate lives when the programme ends. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat; and at 1.15 The Net 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 The Bruce Dickinson Rock Show 10.00 Simon Mayo's Big Holy Valentine Mid-night Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 8.45 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hayes Over Britain (01645 268291) 8.30 Mr Mammy and Me (r) 9.00 Unforgettable: Dave Gelly on Nat King Cole 10.00 My Music (r). See Choice 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl at 5.45 Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Euronews; 11.00 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five, incl at 3.15 Prime Minister's Question Time 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 sport 7.35 The Tuesday Match 9.35 Euro Football '95 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, incl 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee with Carol McGiffin 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger 10.00 Caesar the Geezer 1.00am Wild Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* 7.30 New Ideas 7.50 The Life of Numbers 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Concert Hall 9.00 World News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 The Essential Qur'an 9.30 On Screen 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Ports of Call 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 Multitrack: Hit List 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* 2.45 Turning a Tune 3.00 News 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Megamix 10.45 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Omnibus 12.00 News 12.15am Concert Hall 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 What's News? 1.45 Country Style 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Andy Kershaw 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide 8.00 Evening Concert: Music for St Valentine's Day 10.00 Mark Griffiths 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Playing the Market
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air, with Catriona Young. Holst (St Paul's Suite); Clara Schumann (Abendfeier in Venedic); Beethoven (Nine Variations on *Quant'e piu bello*, WoO69); Tchaikovsky (Festival Overture on the Danish National Hymn); Sor (Souvenir de Russie, Op 63); Janacek (Sinfonietta)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Berlioz. A programme with slightly Germanic connections
10.00 Musical Encounters, presented by Stephanie Hughes in Belfast, including Thomas Linley (Overture, Ode on the Spirits of Shakespeare); **10.20** *Artist of the Week*: Malcolm Proud, harpsichord, plays Charles Wesley (Concerto in C: New Irish CO under John Lubbock); **10.30** Dvořák (Romance in F minor); Samuel Wesley (Symphony No 2 in D); **11.05** Poulenc (Trio); Malcolm Arnold (Symphony No 1)
12.00 Music Restored: The Orlando Consort with the organist James O'Donnell performs music from pre-Reformation England (r)
1.00pm City of London Sinfonia: Second in a series of concerts featuring music by 20th-century British composers, recorded in three churches in the City of London.
2.00 Schools: Playtime **2.15** Time to Move **2.35** Listen!
3.00 Some Versions of Pastoral. Piers Burton-Page explores the pastoral theme in British music. With excerpts from Butterworth, Gurney, Warlock, Finzi, Tippett, Quilter, Vaughan Williams
5.00 The Music Machine: Improvisation in jazz
5.15 In Tune: Nicola Heywood Thomas presents music for St Valentine's Day, and talks to the American soprano Sheri Greenawald
7.30 Tippett: Visions of Paradise: A concert given last Sunday at the Barbican Hall, London. Alexander Barantschik, violin, Edward Vanderspar, viola, Moray Welsh, cello; London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis performs Tippett (Triple Concerto); Elgar (Symphony No 1 in A flat)
9.15 Buongiorno, Tenore! The character singer John Dobson talks about his 35 years at Covent Garden
9.40 Aldeburgh Festival 1994: Barbara Rearick, mezzo; Britten-Pears Ensemble. Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Stravinsky (Double Canon; Epitaphium); Jonathan Lloyd (People your dreams); Respighi (Il Tramonto); Gershwin, arr Richard Rodney Bennett (Maybe, soon; Who cares?; Embraceable you; By Strauss)
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter on *The Duchess of Malfi*
11.30-12.30am The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn performs Bernstein (Suite, Fancy Free); Copland (Suite, Billy the Kid)
1.00-2.10 Night School: History 9-11 **1.40** Tales from Europe

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Nick Ross: 0171-580 4444
10.00-10.30 News; Way Down South (FM): Hank Wangford's search for the original American cowboy reaches Uruguay
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A spiritual anthology. Emma Fielding, Gavin Muir and Peter Yapp read *God Gave All Men All Earth to Love*
10.30 Woman's Hour: Libby Spurrier explores the original impact of *Black Beauty*, which was the first novel to campaign for animal rights
11.30 Medicine Now, presented by Geoff Watts
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Dave Brahan
12.25pm Oliver Twist. Adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel (4/6) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre: Call Out, by Mark Davies Markham. Romance can blossom in the most unusual places. With Ray Winstone, Shaun Prendergast and Eve Shickle
2.30 Dancing for a Living: Lynne Walker talks to Peggy Spencer about ballroom dancing
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Vaughan reviews novels by Ariel Dorfman and John Banville; and listens to a premiere recording of Shostakovich's *The Bolt*
4.45 Short Story: To Her Unready Boyfriend. A story for St Valentine's Day by Helen Simpson (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News 6.30 If You're So Clever, Why Aren't You Rich? Giles and David decide that the solution to Judith's mysterious illness is a trip to Cornwall. With Richard E. Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Mark Whitaker reports
8.00 True Love — At Last, Scientific Proof! See Choice
8.30 Gosling en France: La Technologie. In the final programme, Ray Gosling enjoys the driverless trains of Lille and an exhibition of new inventions in Paris (r)
9.00 In Touch: Presented by Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: News from Nowhere. Continuing William Morris's novel (r)
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30-12.00 Hidden Voices (FM only): Spain, Andalusia. Muslims in Europe (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Something old, new, borrowed and blue

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Round at our house the game of "ooh look, it's whatshisname,. you know from whatwasit?" has suddenly become a lot easier. These days, I barely bother to look up as the familiar query drifts down from the other end of the sofa. *"Riff-Raff Element,"* I say with an air of nonchalant confidence. A quiet "oh yes" indicates that once again I'm right first time.

Right just about every time, in fact — Debbie Horsfield's splendid off-beat drama may have a fallen into the stony no-man's-land between smash hit and cult success, but it has done great things for the careers of its principal actors. Ronald Pickup in *Performance*, Richard Hope in *Tears Before Bedtime*, Cal Macaninch in *Rik Mayall Presents*, Nicholas Farrell in *Ghosts* and shortly *The Choir* and George Costigan in just about everything that requires a charismatic baddie with piercing eyes.

The credits just go on and on. Now, and not before time, it is the turn of Jayne Ashbourne to pursue her rare talent for turning northern chaps all weak at the knees in **Blood and Peaches** (BBC 2).

Blood and Peaches is exactly what a vigorous, confident drama department should be making. It is written by a new and, as far as I know, unproven young writer, Martin Sadofski. And while it's good, it's not that good, which perversely is also an encouraging sign. *Blood and Peaches* is enjoyable enough, but his next should be better still.

Any new writer who kicks off a comic drama with an all too visual gag about a deep-fried cat is clearly not lacking for courage. Sadofski will need it. By setting his tale of recessionary rites of passage in a northern city, comparisons with Plater and Bleasdale are inevitable, justified and as yet unflattering. At times last night, there also looked to be a distinct danger of a head-on collision with William Ivory's series, *Common as Muck*.

But the debts don't stop there. Sue (Jayne Ashbourne), a young trainee nurse positively bursting with hormones, had fallen for her childhood friend, Steve (Stuart Laing). He wooed her with enthusiasm but a familiar lack of finesse: "You look nice with your hair up. I mean it looks nice down as well. Up, down — either." But it was the wise, younger sister to whom he turned for fashion advice that really gave the game away. *Gregory's Girl* had clearly made a big impression.

With a surreal musical interlude that was pure but inexplicable Potter and a clumsy attempt to mix humour with social horror (in this case, racism) à la Bleasdale, *Blood and Peaches* was hardly lacking for voices. Picking out Sadofski's was the problem. Still, he has a nice line in humour (I particularly liked the Brontës' brother "Branston" — you know, the one who added the garage) and there were some lovely performances, both from Ashbourne and Laing and particularly from Jason Done and Rosemary Leach as Gary and his Bradford Park Avenue-supporting Nan.

Over on Channel 4 it was clear that we were in for a big episode of **NYPD Blue** when the supposedly helpful "Previously on *NYPD Blue*..." went on for a good two minutes, reprising scenes of — for me at least — quite baffling antiquity. Never mind, even I, novice that I am, have found that, rather as with *Taggart*, it definitely pays to persevere.

We were there, of course, to bid farewell to David Caruso, who as Detective John Kelly must be the first male red-head to become a sex symbol since... hmm, that's a tough one. Caruso is off to make it big in Hollywood. Kelly on the other hand, having finally been forced out by the chaps in Internal ASffairs, just squee.ed Detective Sipowicz on the knee and wandered off down the stairs muttering something about clearing his locker later. Just for once, the series' hallmark, "Bernie the Bolt" camera work managed to keep him in shot right up to the end.

But at least Kelly left as he had lived — muttering. A week ago, he suggested a Chinese colleague talk a little slower "so people know whadaya saying". Much the same could have been said if Caruso had opened his mouth a little wider. If nothing else, a hit rate of one word in three certainly keeps you concentrating.

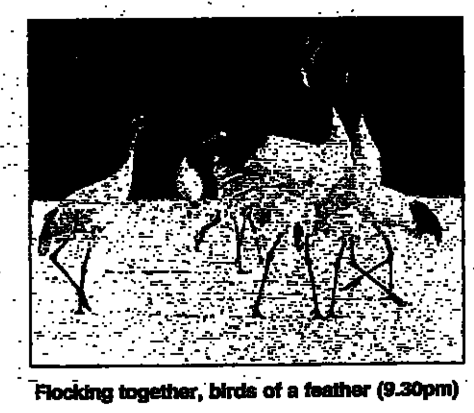
Caruso may have gone but the wonderful support from Dennis Franz as the emotional but no longer tired Sipowicz and James McDaniel as Lieutenant Fancy remains. Jimmy Smits, who wasn't in the *The Riff-Raff Element* but was in *LA Law*, should have a soft landing when he arrives next week. Wonder what his diction's like.

Anything on a par with Arthur Miller's New York drawl and I should be all right. Miller, billed as the world's greatest living playwright, was the latest subject for **Face to Face** (BBC 2) and he was clarity itself. Jeremy Isaacs, however, was not having one of his better nights, thrown perhaps by the stature, creativity and longevity of his subject. Where to start? Unwisely Isaacs chose to begin by assuming we had all seen Miller's latest play, *Broken Glass*, but once that elitist little obstacle was negotiated we were enjoyably away.

Motivation, his plays, the improvement in British theatre, the decline in American theatre and, of course, Marilyn Monroe were all covered with an economy of thought and word that must have kept Isaacs's eyes glued to his notepad, searching for the next question. We may not have learnt much that was new, but with questions that ranged from "Who was your mother?" to "Is all great art founded in a morality?", no one could accuse Isaacs of not trying.

BBC1

6.00 **Business Breakfast** (27606)
7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (62643820)
9.05 **Kilroy**. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9161511)
10.00 **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7164820) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine series presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen (s) (88713356)
12.00 **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1056646) **12.05 Pebble Mill**. Gloria Hunniford with a special St Valentine's Day edition (s) (2282288) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75364578)
1.00 **One O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (68004)
1.30 **Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (82182627) **1.50 Timekeepers**. Quiz programme introduced by Bill Dod (s) (82186443)
2.15 **FILM: How to Commit Marriage** (1969) starring Bob Hope, Jackie Gleason and Jane Wyman. Comedy about a couple who decide to divorce after 20 years of marriage only to have to put it on hold when their daughter announces her engagement. Directed by Norman Panama (242066)
3.50 **Jackanory**. Rik Mayall with part two of Kaye Umansky's story *The Fwog Pwince the Twuth!* (r) (s) (3848172) **4.00 Willy Fogg**. (Ceefax) (2466733) **4.25 Grimmy** (4406578) **4.35 Incredible Games**. (Ceefax) (s) (5675085)
5.00 **Newsround** (7312240) **5.10 Grange Hill**. Comprehensive school drama serial. (Ceefax) (s) (9755820)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (259462)
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** (Ceefax) and weather (917)
6.30 **Regional news magazines** (269)
7.00 **Holiday**. Reports from the Gower Peninsula, Costa de Prata, San Francisco and a working holiday on a kibbutz near Tel Aviv. (Ceefax) (s) (1820)
7.30 **EastEnders**. (Ceefax) (s) (153)
8.00 **A Question of Sport**. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Frankie Dettori, Brian Moore, Stuart McCall and David Coulthard. (Ceefax) (s) (7240)
8.30 **Ain't Misbehavin'**. Marital infidelity comedy series. (Ceefax) (s) (6375)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7085)



Flocking together, birds of a feather (9.30pm)

9.30 **A Valentine's Day Special: A Wild Romance**. (Ceefax) (s) (54066). **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.00 Wales Playhouse 10.30 A Valentine's Day Special 11.00 Face Off 11.35 Film: The Presidio 1.05am-2.55 Film: J. Edgar Hoover
10.00 **FILM: The Presidio** (1988) starring Sean Connery and Mark Harmon. Thriller, set on a 1,400 acre military compound, about a military marshal and a local policeman who form an uneasy alliance when investigating a diamond smuggling and murder case. Directed by Peter Hyams. (Ceefax) (s) (655789)
11.35 **FILM: J. Edgar Hoover** (1986) starring Treat Williams. A biopic of the controversial long-serving FBI chief. Directed by Robert Collins. (Ceefax) (607202) **1.25am Weather** (4968196)

BBC2

6.20 **Open University**: Maths — Symbols and Equations (7636578) **6.45** Panel Painting (8005424) **7.10** Changing Experience of Education (6999733)
8.00 **BBC Breakfast News**. (Ceefax and signing) (7563172) **8.15 Westminster On-Line With Sir Bernard Ingham**. The guests are Edwina Currie and Pauline Green (s) (4156172)
9.00 **Daytime on Two**. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2110917) **2.00** Gordon T. Gopher (28276998)
2.10 **Horizon** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2545269)
3.00 **News** (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross**. (Ceefax) (6110795)
3.50 **News** (Ceefax) and weather (3846714)
4.00 **Today's the Day**. Recent history quiz (s) (882)
4.30 **Regional programmes** Repeated from Thursday at 7.30 (406). **Northern Ireland:** The Way That I Went; **Wales:** Week in Week Out
5.00 **Children's Hospital**. Last in the series from Sheffield Children's Hospital. (Ceefax) (s) (6998)
5.30 **Catchword**. Word game show (s) (646)
6.00 **Fresh Prince of Bel Air**. American teen comedy (s) (782356)
6.25 **Heartbreak High**. Drama serial set in an Australian inner-city school. (Ceefax) (s) (919375)
7.10 **The Tick**. Animated adventures (s) (333424)
7.30 **Under the Covers**. People from all over the country share their passions and traumas on the subject of reading. (Ceefax) (795)
8.00 **Public Eye: Big Trouble in Little Schools**. Mike Embley reports on the increase in the number of children being expelled from school, some as young as six. (Ceefax) (5882)
8.30 **Food and Drink** with Chris Kelly, Jilly Goolden and Michael Barry. (Ceefax) (s) (4917)
9.00 **Sykes**. Sitcom starring Eric Sykes, Hattie Jacques, Peter Sellers and Derek Guyler (r). (Ceefax) (5627)



Jill Crosland with her son Ben (9.30pm)

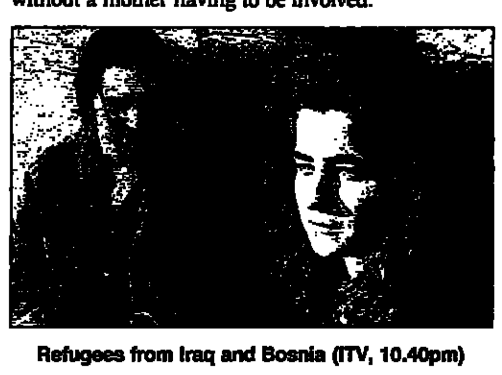
9.30 **Horizon: Twice Born**. (Ceefax) (s) (15207)
10.30 **Newsnight**. (Ceefax) (302608)
11.15 **The Late Show**. Arts and media magazine presented by Fintan O'Toole (s) (273882)
11.55 **Weather** (622424)
12.00 **Open Mind**. An historian, an astrophysicist and a sociologist talk about the inspiration behind their respective researches (1850592)
12.25am **Social Psychology** (4651806)
1.30-1.55 **The Record**. Robert Orchard with a report on the day's proceedings in Parliament (2752641)
2.00-4.00 **Night School: Special Needs** (88486)

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CHOICE

Horizon Special: Twice Born
BBC2, 9.30pm

Producer Deborah Cadbury's foray into some of the more contentious areas of surgery starts with a pregnant woman in the United States. Jill Crosland was told that her baby had a tumour on its lung. The solution was open-womb surgery. The baby was partially removed from the womb so that the lump could be taken out and then returned. Mother and child have both done well, though the operation is risky with a success rate of less than half. Even more radical ideas are being explored. One is transplanting cells from aborted foetuses to unborn babies. Another is giving cells from sheep or pigs to human foetuses. Beyond that is the prospect of producing a human being without a mother having to be involved.



Refugees from Iraq and Bosnia (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Desperately Seeking Asylum
ITV, 10.40pm

Britain's treatment of political refugees comes under attack in a film which claims that as more and more asylum-seekers arrive, fewer and fewer are granted sanctuary. A solicitor who acts in such cases calls it "a shameful area". Last year more than 22,000 people applied for asylum and only 1,600 were successful. The Home Office says that only a small number of the refugees are genuine. This is disputed by a charity which tries to help them. Whatever the legalities, the human stories are often dreadful. A Tamil woman fled to Britain after her husband was killed and her house destroyed in the Sri Lankan civil war. Her young daughters are in India. As she was refused asylum, they cannot join her here for four years.

The Way We Were
Channel 4, 4.00pm

Tucked away in the afternoon, where it might easily be missed, this diverting little series on British institutions profiles the Oxford Union. Barbara Castle once dismissed it as the cadet class of the establishment. David Walter, a former president, calls it a narrow, elitist little society where being witty and clever can mask real knowledge. But it has been a nursery for some of the most distinguished political figures of the past 150 years. Its presidents have included seven prime ministers, from Gladstone to Heath, as well as, despite Baroness Castle, such non-establishment figures as Michael Foot, Tony Benn and Tariq Ali. The programme is an enjoyable mix of reminiscence, anecdote and archive footage.

A Wild Romance
BBC1, 9.30pm

The actress Siobhan Redmond narrates a St Valentine's Day offering which looks at "love" and fidelity in the natural world. Pairing off and staying together is rare in the animal kingdom and infidelities abound. Many birds, including wrens and bluetits, are unfaithful and a snow goose nest shows clear evidence that not all the goslings were produced by the same two parents. Swans, on the other hand, usually mate for life and albatrosses, after a long courtship to find the right partner, tend to remain as couples for 30 years or more. Cynics would say that the picture is not all that different from that of the human race, whose amorous ups and downs are amusingly charted in clips from old Hollywood films. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 **GMTV** (1698801)
9.25 **Chain Letters**. Word game with Ted Robbins (s) (4958882) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2197066)
10.00 **The Time ... The Place** (4214733)
10.35 **This Morning** (90358443)
12.20 **London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1045530)
12.30 **News** (Teletext) and weather (4971337)
12.55 **Emmerdale** (r) (Teletext) (4989356) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (61538882)
1.55 **Vanessa** (Teletext) (s) (76272171) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (61949801) **2.50 Blue Heelers**. Australian police drama (9766462)
3.20 **ITN News headlines** (Teletext) (7425646) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7424917)
3.30 **The Magic House** (s) (9513530) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3844356) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (r) (s) (3833240) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (4156337) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (Teletext) (s) (6737676) **4.40 Chris Cross** (Teletext) (s) (2283266)
5.10 **After 5** (Teletext) (7192628)
5.40 **ITN Early Evening News** (Teletext) (590356)
5.55 **Your Shout**. Viewers' opinions (415172)
6.00 **Home and Away** (r) (Teletext) (135)
6.30 **London Tonight** (Teletext) (337)
7.00 **Emmerdale** (Teletext) (3288)
7.30 **The Big Story**. Dermot Murnaghan investigates a Tory disaster (s) (849)
8.00 **The Bill: A Fighting Chance**. Marshall breaks a suspect's arm but has she injured an innocent man? (Teletext) (9608)
8.30 **September Song**. Billy plots his revenge on Cyril Wendage. (Teletext) (s) (1443)

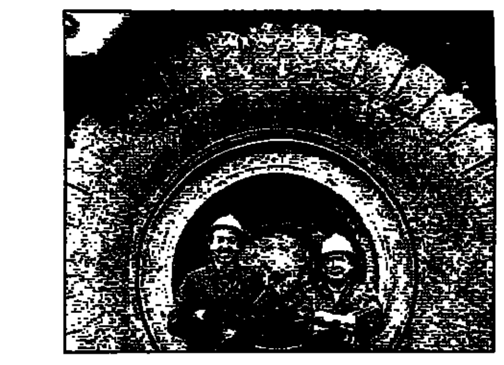


Simon Shepherd and Judy Brooke (9.00pm)

9.00 **Peak Practice**. Feelings run high when a group of former psychiatric patients move into the village; and Will treats a teenager with an infected tattoo. With Kevin Whately, Amanda Burton, Simon Shepherd and Judy Brooke. (Teletext) (s) (1917)
10.00 **News at Ten** (Teletext) and weather (44191)
10.30 **London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (436761)
10.40 **Network First: Desperately Seeking Asylum**.(Teletext) (839694)
11.40 **Prisoner Cell Block H**. Meg is freed from her captors (394849)
12.40 **FILM: No Margin for Error** (1978). A police chief launches an inquiry into the behaviour of his officers after two innocent people die in police shoot outs. With Glenn Ford, Harry Guardino and James Farentino (883860)
2.25 **The Little Picture Show**, with Mariella Frostrup (7791399)
3.20 **America's Top Ten** (s) (89730863)
3.45 **Cinema, Cinema, Cinema** (r) (43197047)
4.10 **On the Live Side** (s) (35936486)
4.30 **Videofashion** (50931)
5.00 **Vanessa** (r) (Teletext) (s) (47979)
5.30 **ITN Morning News** (82405)

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6.35 **Sandokan**. Animated adventures of a pirate prince (r) (8009240)
7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (21375)
9.00 **You Bet Your Life** (r) (s) (21240)
9.30 **Schools**. Eureka! (5365066) **9.45** Stop, Look, Listen (5393849) **10.00** Fourways Farm (7148882) **10.10** Maths Everywhere (9287725) **10.25** How We Used to Live (4037022) **10.45** Coming Together (1835795) **11.00** Science in Focus (9232714) **11.22** Stage One (2930795) **11.38** Schools at Work (9136795) **11.45** First Edition (3235191)
12.00 **House To House**. Political magazine series, introduced by Maya Even (41004)
12.30 **Sesame Street**. Early learning entertainment. The guest is Billy Joel (10375) **1.30 Widget**. Animated ecological adventures (r) (s) (83927004)
1.55 **On A Wing and a Prayer**. The story of the pioneer American pilot Amelia Earhart (r) (71905733)
2.10 **FILM: The Frogmen** (1951, b/w) starring Richard Widmark, Dana Andrews and Jeffrey Hunter. Second World War action drama about a group of frogmen from the Underwater Demolition Team and their exploits against the Japanese in the Pacific. Directed by Lloyd Bacon. (Teletext) (992424)
4.00 **The Way We Were** (s) (578)
4.30 **Countdown**. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (462)
5.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show**. The guests are lovers who have been separated by time and distance (r). (Teletext) (s) (7731646)
5.50 **Terrytoons**. Classic cartoons (405795)
6.00 **Babylon 5**. Award-winning American science-fiction adventures. (Teletext) (s) (472269)
6.55 **Terrytoons** featuring Deputy Dawg (856676)
7.00 **Channel 4 News** (Teletext) and weather (773820)
7.50 **The Slot**. Viewer access series (395424)



Vehicular giants in perspective (8.00pm)

8.00 **Classic Trucks**. The final programme of the series focuses on monster trucks. (Teletext) (s) (8838)
8.30 **Brookside**. Mandy and Beth have an appointment in court. (Teletext) (s) (9085)
9.00 **Visions Of Heaven and Hell**. The last in the series looking at the technological future. (Teletext) (s) (9559)
10.00 **FILM: Bonds of Love** (1992) starring Treat Williams and Kelly McGillis. A made-for-television drama about the family of a mentally handicapped man trying to stop his romance with a twice-married woman. Directed by Larry Elikann. (Teletext) (s) (718356)
11.45 **Bakersfield PD**. California police comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (944917)
12.15am **Football Italia — Mezzanotte**. Highlights of the *Serie A* game between Napoli and Cremonese (387757)
1.15 **Blood, Sweat And Glory**. The sporting traditions of North America (r) (6791196)
1.50 **FILM: Dreaming** (1944, b/w). Wartime comedy starring Flanagan and Allen with Hazel Court. Directed by John Baxter (7030592). Ends at **3.10**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (2197066) 12.20pm-12.30 Anglia News (1045530) 1.55 A Country Practice (82170882) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (9766462) 3.25-3.30 Anglia News and Weather (7424917) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7192628) 6.25-7.00 Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (269882) 7.30-8.00 Food Guide (849) 10.30-10.40 Anglia News (436761) 12.40am Drum Beat (431399) 2.40 The Little Picture Show (2332009) 3.35 The Beat (5843979) 4.30-5.00 Travel Trails (50931)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2197066) 12.20pm-12.30 Central News and Weather (1045530) 1.55 A Country Practice (82170882) 2.50-3.20 Blockbusters (9766462) 3.25-3.30 Central News (7424917) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7192628) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (269882) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (849) 10.30-10.40 Central News and Weather (436761) 11.40-12.40pm Crime Story (394849) 4.10am Jobfinder (9340202) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (8835757)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2197066) 12.20pm-12.30 Granada News (1045530) 12.55 Shortland Street (4989356) 1.25 Home and Away (30541240) 1.50 Vanessa (75822530) 2.20 Wish You Were Here...? (61931882) 2.50-3.20 Emmerdale (9766482) 3.25 Granada News (7424917) 3.30-3.40 The Magic House (9513530) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (7192628) 6.25 Granada Tonight (269882) 7.00 Emmerdale (3288) 7.30-8.00 The Main Ingredient (849) 10.30 Granada News (436761) 10.40 Network First (839694) 11.40 Crime Story (394849) 12.40am No Margin for Error (883860) 2.25 The Little Picture Show (7791399) 3.20-3.45 America's Top Ten (89730863) 4.10 Jobfinder (7266592) 5.00-5.30 Vanessa (47979)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25 Wish You Were Here...? (61930153) 2.55-3.20 Shortland Street (7954795) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (7192628) 6.30-7.00 HTV News (337) 7.30-8.00 West Eye View (849) 4.10am-5.00 Jobfinder (7266592)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV Wales News and Weather (1045530) 3.25-3.30 HTV Wales News (7424917) 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (337) 7.30-8.00 Primetime (849) 10.30-10.40 HTV Wales News and Weather (436761)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82170882) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (9766462) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7192628) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (135) 6.30-7.00 Surprise Chefs (337) 7.30-8.00 Held in Trust (849) 12.40am Drum Beat (431399) 2.40 The Little Picture Show (2332009) 3.35 The Beat (5843979) 4.30 Travel Trails (50931) 5.00-5.30 Freescreen (47979)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82170882) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (9766462) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7192628) 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (390191) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (337) 7.30-8.00 Good Advice (849) 10.30-10.40 Tyne Tees News and Weather (436761) 11.40 B L Stryker - Grand Theft Hotel (836907) 1.25am The Little Picture Show (5540047) 2.25 Sport AM (6780554) 3.25 The Beat (4375202) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (9348486)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 2.25 The Young Doctors (61930153) 3.25-3.30 Westcountry News; Weather (7424917) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7192628) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (77917) 7.30-8.00 Wild West Country (849) 4.10am-5.00 Jobfinder (7266592)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82170882) 2.50-3.20 Shortland Street (9766462) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7192628) 6.55 Calendar (390191) 6.30-7.00 Crosswits (337) 7.30-8.00 Good Advice (849) 11.40 B L Stryker - Grand Theft Hotel (836907) 1.25am The Little Picture Show (5540047) 2.25 Sport AM (6780554) 3.25 The Beat (4375202) 4.20-5.30 Jobfinder (9348486)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (21375) 9.00 You Bet Your Life (21240) 9.30 Ysgolion (146086) 12.00pm House To House (41004) 12.30 Slot Meithrin (50240) 1.00 Little Miss (24462) 1.30 Hanging With Mr Cooper (59511) 2.00 The Late Late Show (97820) 3.00 The Number 10 Show (9849) 3.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show (9446998) 4.20 The Lion and the Mouse (4490917) 4.30 Saved By The Bell — The New Class (462) 5.00 5 Pump (1066) 5.30 Countdown (714) 6.00 Newyddion (131606) 6.15 Heno (915559) 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm (4530) 7.30 Y Ferch Drws Nesa' (191) 8.00 Gwaig Y Pathan (8838) 8.30 Newyddion (9085) 9.00 Cutting Edge: A is for Accident (9559) 10.00 Brookside (42733) 10.30 Dim Tafod (80337) 11.30 The Legend Of The Tube (92375) 12.00am Reality On The Rocks: Did it Begin? (29573)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (55153) 8.00 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2104627) 8.45 Oprah Winfrey (1887849) 9.35 Card Sharks (1343397) 10.00 Concentration (14511) 10.30 Candid Camera (87820) 11.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (48066) 12.00 The Urban Peasant (78172) 12.30pm E Street (94608) 1.00 St Elsewhere (15191) 2.00 I'll Take Manhattan (15240) 3.00 Oprah Winfrey (1911004) 3.30 DJ Kat (4520559) 4.30 Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (7998) 4.30 E Street (7998) 5.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (3207) 6.00 The Gold Heart Day Sky Telethon. Chris Tarrant, with Anna Walker and Paul Coia, present a fund-raising telethon in aid of the Variety Club (3337085) 12.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (89979) 1.00am David Letterman (1586080) 1.45 Littlejohn (3134860) 2.30 Night Court (89592) 3.00-6.00 Hitmix (9300399)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9932337) 9.30 Fashion TV (65996) 10.30 ABC Nightline (85462) 11.00 News (674424) 1.30pm CBS News (51207) 2.30 Parliament Live (88733) 4.00 News (10172) 5.00 Live at Five (2120558) 6.05 Richard Littlejohn (70182601) 8.00 News (50288) 9.00 The O.J. Simpson Trial (5576849) 12.30am ABC News (2766047) 1.10 Entertainment This Week (8184825) 2.30 Parliament Replay (86478) 4.30 CBS News (12641) 5.30-6.00 ABC News (24405)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1597284) 10.00 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story (1992) (96424) 12.00 The Salzburg Connection (1972) (29443) 2.00pm Bonanza: The Return (1993) (66849) 4.00 We Joined the Navy (1962) (41066578) 5.55 Elvis and the Colonel: The Untold Story (1992): As 10am (15177646) 7.30 Close-Up (3795) 8.00 It's Nothing Personal (1992) (41530) 10.00 Nowhere to Run (1993) (612733) 11.35 Black Robe (1991) (904511) 1.15am A Murderous Affair (1992) (981757) 2.45 Kadaicha — The Death Stone (1988) (964080) 4.15-6.00 We Joined the Navy (1962). As 4pm (612405)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm A Time to Love and a Time to Die (1957) (52364608) 8.15 Semi-Tough (1977) (10757191) 10.05-12.00 The Rocky Horror Picture Show (1975) (265714)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Mrs Lambert Remembers Love (1991) (71191) 8.00 Dunderklumpen: Live action and animation (6249443) 9.25 Don Quixote (1987): Cartoon (5547733) 10.20 Carmen Jones (1954) (55223578) 12.05pm The Black Orchid (1958) (851578) 1.50 The Ex-Mrs Bradford (1936) (51847849) 3.40 Dunderklumpen (1973). As 8am (7881288) 5.05 Don Quixote (1987). As 9.25am (6554608) 6.00 Remote (1993) (44627) 8.00 The Public Eye (1992) (49172) 10.00 Knight Moves (1993) (25004) 12.00 Kickboxer II — The Road Back (1991) (26660) 1.30am White Men Can't Jump (1992) (73318) 3.30-5.20 Hornet's Nest (1970) (429950)

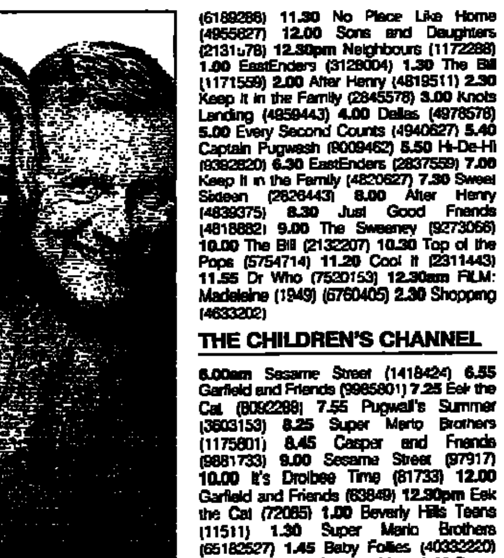
● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (7465563) 7.15 World Wrestling Federation Mania (463627) 8.15 Soccer News (2511608) 8.30 Speed and Beauty (92337) 9.00 Snowboard Tour (16917) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (34801) 10.00 International Snooker. Live (3683191) 5.00 World Wrestling Federation Superstars (2733) 6.00 Soccer News (220191) 6.15 Fish Tales (225646) 6.30 Grass Roots Rugby (6627) 7.00 International Snooker. Live (936801) 10.00 Soccer News (643269) 10.15 Tartan Extra (318171) 11.15 Grass Roots Rugby (110996) 11.45 US Grand Prix Athletics (369676) 12.45am Golf (575950) 1.45-2.00 Fish Tales (9204399)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Eurogolf Magazine (55998) 8.30 Live Biathlon (501004) 11.00 Football (22220) 12.00 Live Biathlon (225172) 2.30pm Tennis (28375) 4.00 Biathlon (2086) 4.30 Swimming (36559) 6.30 News (1795) 7.00 Eurotennis (90620) 8.00 Euroski (76240) 9.00 Boxing (86627) 11.00 Snooker (98085) 12.00-12.30am News (56028)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (6261085) 8.30 Peyton Place (8260356) 9.00 As the World Turns (5380284) 10.00 Guiding Light (6963288) 11.00-12.00 Another World (6963424)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Getaway — Australia (6264172) 12.30pm Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (1219356) 1.00 Trailside — Make Your Own Adventure (8967240) 1.30 The Real Food of China (1218627) 2.00 California's Gold (8524801) 2.30 Discover Your World (7362337) 3.00 American Vacation (1110530) 4.00 Sky Travel Guide — Romantic Week Special (7386917) 4.30 Zoo Life with Jack Hanna (7375801) 5.00 Roads to Freedom (8515153) 5.30 The Real Food of China (7366153) 6.00 Getaway — Australia (7363068) 6.30 Ticket to Paradise (7387646) 7.00 Ghost Towns (8617917) 8.00 Around the World in 30 Minutes (8511337) 8.30 Sky Travel Guide (8523172) 9.00 Getaway — Australia (1135849) 9.30 Ticket to Paradise (1222820) 10.00 Ghost Towns (8616288) 11.00 Roads to Freedom (1107066) 11.30-12.00 California's Gold (2696424)



Anna Walker and Chris Tarrant (Sky One, 6.00pm-midnight)

TLC
9.00am Room Service (2119356) 9.30 The Roux Brothers (1169714) 10.00 Jimmy's (4040172) 10.30 Only Human (6170530) 11.30 Discovering Psychology (4953269) 12.00 Extra Dimensions (1159337) 1.00pm The Roux Brothers (6928085) 1.30 Room Service (1162801) 2.00 A Change of Mind (4041801) 3.00 Video Show (4836288) 3.30-4.00 Two's Country (2815337)

UK GOLD
7.00am Give Us a Clue (2778563) 7.30 Neighbours (9728248) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (2121191) 8.30 EastEnders (2120462) 9.00 The Bill (2111714) 9.30 Sutherland's Law (4674559) 10.30 Angels (6189286) 11.30 No Place Like Home (4955627) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (2131178) 12.30pm Neighbours (1172288) 1.00 EastEnders (3128004) 1.30 The Bill (1171559) 2.00 After Henry (4819511) 2.30 Keep It in the Family (2845578) 3.00 Knots Landing (4859443) 4.00 Dallas (4978578) 5.00 Every Second Counts (4940627) 5.40 Captain Pugwash (8009462) 5.50 Hi-De-Hi (8392820) 6.30 EastEnders (2837559) 7.00 Keep It in the Family (4820627) 7.30 Sweet Sixteen (2626443) 8.00 After Henry (4839375) 8.30 Just Good Friends (4818882) 9.00 The Sweeney (9273066) 10.00 The Bill (2132207) 10.30 Top of the Pops (5754714) 11.20 Cool It (2311443) 11.55 Dr Who (7520153) 12.30am FILM: Madeleine (1949) (6760405) 2.30 Shopping (4633202)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Sesame Street (1418424) 6.55 Garfield and Friends (9985801) 7.25 Eek the Cat (8092288) 7.55 Pugwall's Summer (3603153) 8.25 Super Mario Brothers (1175801) 8.45 Casper and Friends (9881733) 9.00 Sesame Street (97917) 10.00 It's Droibee Time (81733) 12.00 Garfield and Friends (83849) 12.30pm Eek the Cat (72085) 1.00 Beverly Hills Teens (11511) 1.30 Super Mario Brothers (65182527) 1.45 Baby Follies (40332220) 2.00 Barney and Friends (3004) 2.30 Babar (8266) 3.00 Casper and Friends (5804004) 3.15 Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (309820) 3.45 Sonic the Hedgehog (308191) 4.15 Head to Head in 3D (1098849) 4.30-5.00 California Dreams (8022)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive! (9265545) 7.15 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (410375) 7.45 Rugrats (419646) 8.15 Doug (595530) 8.45 Nickalive! (9842733) 9.00 Nick Junior, including Banana's in Pyjamas (274608) 12.00 Pee-Wee's Playhouse (94735) 12.30pm The Muppet Show (43559) 1.00 Smoggies (84892) 1.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (35530) 2.00 Denver the Last Dinosaur (7288) 2.30 Galaxy High School (2288) 3.00 Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (6795) 3.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (7733) 4.00 Doug (6240) 4.30 Rugrats (2424) 5.00 Clarissa Explains It All (1240) 5.30 NickAlive! Including Rocko's Modern Life (6004) 6.00 Grimmy (3917) 6.30-7.00 Dracula (7400)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Missing Link (2627172) 4.30 Australia Wild (2623356) 5.00 Africa the Hard Way (18552789) 6.05 Beyond 2000 (8701714) 7.00 Earth Tremors (6275424) 8.00 Connections 2 (4837917) 8.30 Voyager (4816424) 9.00 First Flights (4965004) 9.30 The X-Planes (1150066) 10.00 Discovery Journal (9274795) 11.00-12.00 Nature by Profession (8273153)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Dark Eyes of London (1939) (5833482) 1.30pm The Mothers-in-Law (1166627) 2.00 thirtysomething (4045627) 3.00 Rat Patrol (4823714) 3.30 Hogan's Heroes (2835191) 4.00 FILM: Beast with a Million Eyes (1955) (5823085) 5.30 Drama Classics (2834462) 6.00 Get Smart (2831375) 6.30 Police Woman (2164530) 7.30 Honey West (2811511) 8.00 thirtysomething (9268998) 9.00 The Twilight Zone (4952530) 9.30 FILM: Footsteps (1974) (1170820) 10.00-12.00 FILM: The Hills Have Eyes, Part II (1985): A cannibal family pursues teenagers (4943882)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (5924917) 7.00 Living (1266559) 8.00 Health UK (3691578) 8.30 Rendezvous (3690849) 9.00 Family Matters (3674801) 9.30 Kate and Allie (3569424) 10.00 Now You See It (8156882) 10.30 Susan Powter (3670085) 11.00 Young and Restless (1119284) 12.00 A Cook's Tour of France (7035820) 12.35 Rendezvous (37595117) 1.05 Kilroy (7974849) 2.00 Agony Hour (8157511) 3.00 Living (8405424) 3.45 Gladrags and Glamour (96402998) 4.00 Infatuation (6902882) 4.30 Crosswits (38521714) 4.55 Delia Smith (6525882) 5.30 New Mr and Mrs Show (6922646) 6.00 Susan Powter (6929559) 6.30 Brookside (6903511) 7.00 Living (7528820) 8.00 Young and Restless (7504240) 9.00 FILM: Classified Love (1986) (7514627) 11.00 Brookside (4198559) 11.30-12.00 Infatuation UK (8152066)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Danger Mouse (4356) 5.30 Where I Live (4462) 6.00 African Skies (513288) 6.25 All Clued Up (189207) 7.00 Trivial Pursuit (7820) 7.30 My Two Dads (1511) 8.00 Christy (16882) 9.00 Moonlighting (36646) 10.00 Family Catchphrase (64578) 10.30 GP (40998) 11.00 Lou Grant (38288) 12.00 Rhoda (98026) 12.30pm Big Brother Jake (53467) 1.00 Danger Mouse (51283) 1.30 Trivial Pursuit (15478) 2.00 Moonlighting (26757) 3.00 Lou Grant (73202) 4.00 Rhoda (46486) 4.30-5.00 Big Brother Jake (72776)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (29026) 6.30 The Grind (19266) 7.00 Awake on the Wildside (84608) 8.00 VJ Ingo (104375) 11.00 Soul (19153) 12.00 Greatest Hits (93578) 1.00pm The Afternoon Mix (877424) 3.30 Coca-Cola Report (5351356) 3.45 Cinematic (5349511) 4.00 News (1077356) 4.15 3 from 1 (1090207) 4.30 Dial MTV (2240) 5.00 Music Non-Stop (94085) 6.30 MTV Sports (4085) 7.00 Greatest Hits (32620) 8.00 Most Wanted (61004) 9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (94207) 10.00 Coca-Cola Report (185820) 10.15 Cinematic (180375) 10.30 News (810207) 10.45 3 from 1 (808462) 11.00 The End? (93375) 1.00am Soul (48298) 2.00 The Grind (67592) 2.30 Night Videos (7780134)

VH-1
7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6966511) 9.00 Café (6398004) 12.00 The Bridge (8726781) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (1402356) 2.30 Heart and Soul (2544627) 3.30 Into the Music (8718799) 6.00 VH-1 for You Special (8694066) 8.00 Rock (8695795) 9.00 Ten of the Best: Love Songs (8615559) 10.00 The Bridge (5465838) 11.30 The Nightfly (4015397) 1.30pm Ten of the Best (3658912) 2.30-7.00 Dawn Patrol (5460443)

CMT EUROPE
Country music from 8am to 7pm, including at 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch 6.00-7.00 Big Ticket

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (47424) 7.00 Asian Morning (66733) 8.30 Bunyaad (56559) 9.00 Gujrati FILM: Viferali Vaghan (821530) 12.00 Ghar (88646) 1.00pm Hindi FILM: Love Love Love (735269) 4.00 New Serial (8424) 4.30 Yugantar (4608) 5.00 Bunlyaad (1882) 5.30 TVA and You (9288) 6.00 Jodi Porutham (3917) 6.30 Neengal Kaetta Paadal (4269) 7.00 Video Junction (70066) 8.00 News Bulletin (7424) 8.30 Serial: Zindagi (6559) 9.00 Jaya Badhun Season: Mill (902559) 11.30 Albeley (52795) 12.00 Asian Morning (77318) 1.30am Sight and Sound (8218221)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
Theme: True Romance
7.00pm Gaby (1956) (40739240) 8.55 Never Let Me Go (1953) (10487288) 10.35 Desire Me (1947) (49630559) 12.20am Faithful in My Fashion (1946) (63268047) 1.65 Chances (1931) (75188318) 3.20-5.00 Never Let Me Go (1931). As 8.55pm (57406573)

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Mushtaq 'joked' about bribe with Border

BY SIMON WILDE, JAN RAATH IN HARARE AND ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE allegations of bribery levelled against Pakistanis by Australian cricketers and press are threatening to expose the cultural and emotional divisions between Occident and Orient no less ably than ball-tampering did three years ago. Allan Border's claim that he was offered £500,000 to "throw" a Test match in Birmingham in 1993, Mushtaq Mohammad's admission that he was the man responsible, not to mention the separate allegations involving the Australian team in Pakistan last year, are quite enough to undermine preparations for the World Cup on the Asian subcontinent in 1996.

Border's disclosure yesterday in a Sydney newspaper, *The Daily Telegraph-Mirror*, that he had been offered money to ensure that Australia lost the fifth Test match against England during their last tour reverberated around the world. The size of the alleged bribe dwarfed those said to have been on offer in Pakistan and led to calls by officials in Melbourne and Lahore, and Harare and Bridgetown, to deal with the matter swiftly.

This involved a considerable amount of buck-passing. The Test and County Cricket Board said it was a matter for the Australian authorities; the Australians said it was in the hands of the International Cricket Council; the Pakistanis said the Australians should have informed them earlier; Intikhab Alam, manager of the Pakistan team in Zimbabwe, demanded the Australians name names; and the ICC said it needed more information, but is investigating the matter.

It also flushed out Dean Jones, the Victoria captain, who said that he had been offered about £30,000 by an Indian bookmaker to reveal inside information about the Australia side during a tour of Sri Lanka in 1992. He had refused the offer, he said, and informed Australian officials.

Eventually, the buck came to a halt, temporarily, in Birmingham, where Mushtaq, a former Test captain, works for Pakistan International Airlines. He admitted to being the man who had talked to Border. Australia needed 109 runs with all wickets standing on the fifth day at Edgbaston and Mushtaq said he had asked Border what he would do "if someone was to offer him a lot of money to lose".

"Allan said he never messed around with his cricket and I said neither did I," Mushtaq said. "It was just a hypothetical conversation, nothing was offered by me on anyone's behalf. I meant it as a joke." If it was a joke, Border did not get it. He dismissed the "offer" curtly and was, according to one of his team, "fuming". Australia won the match by eight wickets. Border said yesterday: "I got a bit of a shock because something like that had never happened before. In the end we [the Australian team] laughed it off."

The split that has now occurred between Pakistan officials and the ICC will challenge the skills of David Richards, the ICC's chief executive. Arif Abbasi, a member of the *ad hoc* committee of the Pakistan board in Lahore, said Graham Halbish, the Australian Cricket Board's chief executive, had told him from Melbourne that Richards had known of the allegations for more than five months.

"Richards has been sitting on this information," Abbasi said. "He didn't know what to do with it and this country is having to bear the brunt of his ineptitude." Richards was elsewhere reported as saying he had only just learnt of the allegations, a claim supported by Sir Clyde Walcott, the ICC chairman, in Bridgetown.

Although no player has yet admitted to having accepted a bribe, there is a serious issue here for the ICC to address. Mushtaq conceded that he knows vast bets are laid on cricket in India, Pakistan and Sharjah and that "people make offers". How long will it be before a player finally *does* accept a bribe?

If India and Pakistan have problems with illegal syndicates, then players taking part in the World Cup, which opens a year today, are possible targets. The tournament has already been plagued with disputes over television contracts and may be threatened further by ethnic unrest. If it is to run smoothly, it will require the Pakistan board and the ICC to talk with one voice.

New Zealand crushed, page 40

England fall in behind Welsh World Cup bid

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WALES will host the 1999 Rugby World Cup if the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) decides next month that the tournament should return to the British Isles. The Welsh bid goes to the board today, supported by England, who had initially sought to host the 1999 tournament themselves.

The meeting, in London, of the four home unions over the weekend found Wales and England, natural geographic and legal allies, reaching an accord. "We will support Wales's bid to host the event and stage the final," Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union (RFU), said yesterday. "We have agreed to withdraw our bid, though it remains to be seen who will be involved and how."

The decision is of enormous significance for Wales, not only in sporting and commercial terms but in the proposed development of their existing national stadium at the Arms Park, in Cardiff. The prospect of such a global event going to the Principality could do much to encourage the release of Government funds for the refurbishment, not only of the Arms Park, but of other leading club grounds.

England's concession comes after detailed discussions about the Welsh proposal, but also as a result of the moral dilemma in which they were left by the unofficial blessing given to a Welsh bid in 1999 by the late John Kendall-Carpenter in 1988, when he was chairman of Rugby World Cup Ltd. "We are currently resolving how the matches will be divided, but we intend to use all four home countries," Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), said.

Pugh is content that differences with the legal and taxation systems in Scotland and Ireland can be overcome, though pressures from those two countries that their share of the tournament should equal those of Wales and England could be resisted. A powerful French bid, supported by Italy, will also receive close consideration from the IRFB next month, as will the Australia-led conglomerate.

By that time, the WRU will have decided which of five presentations on the redevelopment of Cardiff Arms Park to accept; a month later, it will also decide whether the agreed proposal is sufficiently strong to ignore two offers for the removal of Welsh rugby's headquarters to a new purpose-built site in the Bridgend area, which would have better road, rail and air access.

"I hope the Welsh bid gets as much support as possible," Wood said. "On balance, it seems a good idea to alternate the tournament between the two hemispheres, but Australia are making a serious bid, with the support of New Zealand and Japan."

The five nations are as near as they have ever been to pushing their international championship back in the calendar. France and Scotland support England's proposal to begin the championship in the first week of February, and, if Ireland agree, Wales — who seek to start it even later — will not stand in the way.

☐ South Africa's World Cup hopes suffered a setback yesterday when Uli Schmidt, 34, the experienced hooker, was forced to retire because of a nagging neck injury.

A statement issued by the South African Rugby Football Union said: "His withdrawal at the start of our campaign for the rugby World Cup is obviously a blow, but his health takes precedence and we fully support him for making the right decision."

SRU wants check on payment claims

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) is to ask its French counterpart to investigate a newspaper claim that a Scottish player based in France is being paid by his club.

Kevin Campbell, the brother of Alister Campbell, the Hawick and former Scotland lock, was quoted as saying: "I receive £800 a month from my club, Mandelieu, to play in the first division."

The story follows hard on the heels of another payments revelation which will be made in a forthcoming BBC Scotland documentary, *For Love and Money*. In the programme, René Bouscatel, the Toulouse president, says: "We have a fixed monthly amount which covers time lost by players through training and loss of earnings." Bouscatel also discusses a match bonus based on results.

Ironically, the stories have emerged just as the SRU began to make overtures to soften their hard line on amateurism. "We will be recommending that top players should benefit from off-the-field rugby-related activities," Bill Hogg, the SRU chief executive, said yesterday. "The SRU also thinks no top player should lose out financially. We are in favour of compensating players adequately for loss of earnings."

At present, under International Rugby Football Board regulations, players are entitled to a daily allowance when on tour and are also able to apply for a hardship allowance, although neither amounts to much in real terms.

The two injured Scottish scrum halves, Gary Armstrong and Andy Nicol, both received encouraging reports after a weekend meeting with SRU medical advisers. The players are recovering from respective operations to repair severe knee ligament and cartilage damage and there is optimism that Nicol might play again in mid-March and Armstrong a month later. However, neither player can realistically consider inclusion in Scotland's World Cup party after missing an entire international season.

Mark Ring, the former Wales centre, who was sacked by Pontypool last month for undisclosed reasons, has rejoined Cardiff.



Beardsley, left, and Barmby, who may succeed him in the England team, together after training yesterday. Photograph: Des Jenson

Blushing time for Barmby

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETER BEARDSLEY yesterday nominated Nick Barmby as his successor in the England football team, causing the Tottenham Hotspur player to wriggle with a mixture of embarrassment and pride as he sat next to the Newcastle United veteran, on whom he has modelled his style.

Beardsley's comments came after the England training session at Bisham Abbey in preparation for the game with the Republic of Ireland in Dublin tomorrow. "He stood out in training, he looked absolutely top class," Beardsley said. "It was everything he did — his touch on the ball, his runs and his vision."

The speed of Barmby's development could threaten Beardsley's hopes of adding many more to his 53 caps. However, he recognises the same qualities of awareness, resilience and finishing which have been features of his own career. "I definitely see myself in him," Beardsley said. "This season, he's stood out in a team of great forward players. He hasn't been overawed and, at his age, that's incredible."

Barmby, 20, recalling his days at the FA National School, said: "When I was at Lilleshall, we used to go and watch Liverpool when Peter was playing for them. He was my favourite player and he has been such a great player throughout his career that you can't help but learn from him."

Jack Charlton, the manager of the Republic of Ireland, has only 16 players to choose from following the withdrawal yesterday of Ray Houghton, the Aston Villa midfield player, with a calf injury.

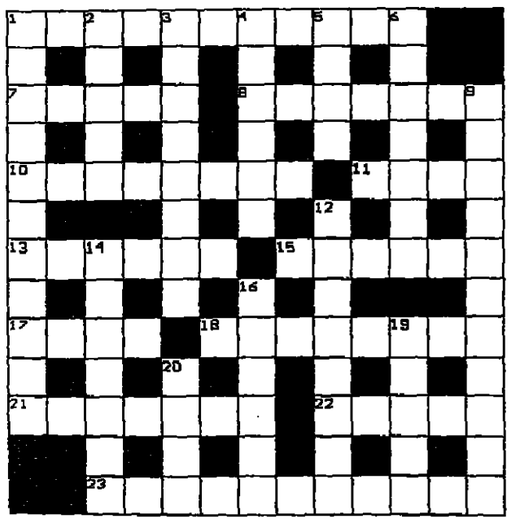
☐ Eric Cantona has threatened to sue ITN for libel and invasion of privacy after his fracas with a camera crew while on holiday in Guadeloupe, Jean-Jacques Bertrand, his lawyer, said yesterday.

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1 Vigorous work (esp. rubbing) (5,6)
7 One past saving (5)
8 Flourish of trumpets (7)
10 Mozart's amorous Don (8)
11 Feeble; walk painfully (4)
13 Consternation (6)
15 Run headlong; progress through life (6)
17 Malevolent giant (4)
18 Girl one sponsors (8)
21 Force (material) out (7)
22 One patient under misfortune (5)
23 Without enthusiasm (4-7)

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1 Sound of busy (phone) line (7,4)
2 Drum played on knee (5)
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4 Return of money (6)
5 Female relative (4)
6 Look at closely (7)
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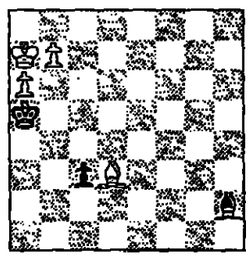
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Spassky - Milic, Dresden 1964.

This is a tricky endgame position. If White plays 1 b8/Q Bxb8+ 2 Kxb8 c2! 3 Bxc2 Kxa6 and Black draws. How can White improve on this sequence?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIBLICALS

ELIEZER
a. A mighty warrior
b. A match-maker
c. A very minor prophet

ISSACHAR
a. Progenitor of a tribe
b. A cry of despair
c. An Assyrian witch

MOAB
a. A fairly minor prophet
b. A son of his sister
c. A heathen idol

ABNER
a. A li'l man
b. Kingdom east of the Jordan
c. A general

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Warning issued by Bank governor

Euro feuding shakes MPs and the £

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, JANET BUSH AND NICHOLAS WOOD

SENIOR Conservatives told John Major last night that it was time for the Cabinet to show discipline as the party's incessant turmoil over Europe took its toll on the pound.

The 18-strong executive of the 1922 Committee is understood to have voiced anger, during an hour-long meeting with the Prime Minister at the Commons, over the behaviour of warring Cabinet ministers.

On the day that the pound fell to its lowest level against the Deutschemark for two years, Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, told Tory MPs last night that political uncertainties about Britain's attitude to Europe were contributing to the weakness of sterling. Investors had earlier vented their frustration over the continuing disarray, which has made some doubt whether the Government will last its full term.

Addressing a well-attended meeting of the backbench Tory finance committee, Mr George was applauded loudly when he delivered an implied rebuke to ministers and MPs openly quarrelling over the merits of a European single currency.

Similar sentiments were voiced by the 1922 executive at their meeting with Mr Major. It is understood the most senior Tory MPs support the way in which the Prime Minister is handling the issue, but they said it was time the Cabinet set an example to the party.

Senior Conservatives are furious with Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, because they feel he voiced too much support for a single currency in his speech to the European Movement last week. Other ministers such as Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and John Redwood, Welsh Secretary, are thought to have exacerbated matters by appearing to rebuke the Chancellor. Senior Tories also believe that the outright rejection of a single currency by Jonathan Aitken, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, overstepped the mark.

Currency dealers predicted yesterday that the pound could fall even further against the mark than the record low reached after sterling's departure from the European Exchange-Rate Mechanism in September 1992. Neil MacKinnon, currency economist with Citibank, said: "Investors are unnerved by the daily diet of unsettling political news. Foreign investors are clearly now worried that the Conservative Government could fall."



George: "Don't see why you are steamed up"

Political troubles have been weakening sterling for some time, but the selling has intensified since nine Tory Euro-sceptics had the whip removed and the Ulster Unionists threatened to withdraw their support for the Government. The present wrangles over a single European currency and immigration controls have simply compounded the perception of crisis.

Robin Aspinall, of stockbrokers Panmure Gordon, said the pound had been a popular investment in recent months because Britain had been regarded as enjoying a "golden economic scenario". He said: "Add a spoonful of political uncertainty and a dash of Euro-scepticism, and you have cooked up a crisis."

Tory Euro-sceptics will be upset further today when Jacques Santer, President of the European Commission, presents his 68-page work schedule to the European Parliament in Strasbourg. He will promise to make "every effort" to achieve a single currency by January 1, 1997, and to lift border restrictions.

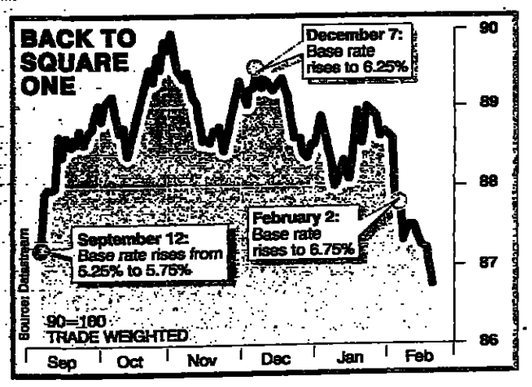
Under the heading "Internal Market", the Commission proposes legislation on the "free movement of persons: freedom to travel, and practical application of the principle of the elimination of border controls".

Mr George told the private meeting of Tory MPs that he did not know what people were getting so steamed up about. Nobody in the world of central banking expected a single currency in 1997, and it was only a possibility for 1999.

The governor struck a chord with many Tories who are anxious to rally behind Mr Major's position that British participation in a single currency need not be considered

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DOUG MARKE

Brigitte Bardot made a rare public appearance in Coventry yesterday

Bardot pays homage to 'animal suffragette'

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FROM the moment that the venue was settled on Coventry Cathedral, Jill Phipps was never going to have a quiet family funeral. More than 1,000 mourners bid farewell yesterday to the woman already described as the first *animal suffragette*, among them Brigitte Bardot, the French film star turned animal rights campaigner.

Ms Phipps, 31, died under the wheels of a lorry carrying veal calves when she broke through a police cordon at Coventry Airport during a demonstration against cattle exports earlier this month.

Making a rare public appearance, Ms Bardot said: "I have come here to pay homage to Jill Phipps; she was a fantastic girl. Animal life is as important as human life." Then she was drowned out by shouts of "Keep up the good work, Brigitte."

The funeral was brief, dignified and followed the traditional Anglican rite.

But it had its unconventional aspects, not least when Sir Basil Spence's cathedral was filled with a recording of one of Ms Phipps's favourite songs, *We Live to Die* by the Sub-Humans, a raucous band much favoured by the young protesting fraternity. It struck a note of sharp contrast with another of Ms Phipps's favourites, *Jerusalem*.

Mourners came from throughout the country, many in the garb of New Age travellers and sporting in their lapels a purple ribbon which has suddenly emerged as the badge of the animal rights movement.

Beneath Graham Sutherland's great tapestry which depicts Christ surrounded by *eagle, tiger, man and calf* from the Book of Revelation, the Reverend David Berryman, Ms Phipps's parish priest, spoke of her vision of a better world. "Even those who might question her methods or even the cause would, I hope, recognise the qualities that lead someone to opt for engagement with the issues, even if the result is vulnerability and conflict."

Her partner, Justin Timson, told the congregation he had never met a more considerate, caring or selfless person than Ms Phipps. "She loved the earth, the trees, the sun and all the creatures of the earth. She felt responsible for them."

Ms Phipps's family sat in the front pew. Earlier her mother, Mrs Nancy Phipps, had told a local radio station: "She was not a saint; she was a nice ordinary girl who just *cared more than the average* person cares." Jill Phipps's nine-year-old son, Luke, was being looked after by friends.

Across the city, at the airport where Ms Phipps died, there was no movement of calves yesterday; although the motive appeared to be fear of further demonstrations as much as respect for the dead.

As the cathedral emptied, Ms Phipps's coffin was taken to a private cremation.

Ms Bardot's presence was a surprise to the congregation, most of whom were unaware that she was there until, on the cathedral steps after the service, television crews descended on the blonde figure in dark glasses. Such was the attention on her that hardly anyone noticed Alan Clark, the former Defence Minister. He would say only that it was self-evident why he was there, though he has not previously been associated with animal rights demonstrations.

Jill Phipps may not have wanted such a fuss at her funeral. But as a lifelong campaigner, she would certainly have been impressed by the attention it received.



Phipps: "a nice, ordinary girl"

Calf exports drop, page 2

Army to make major-generals redundant in manpower cuts

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

EIGHT major-generals are to be axed in the last phase of a series of Army redundancies which have reduced manpower by more than 17,000 soldiers and officers since 1990.

Details of the final cull of the Army top brass will be revealed next month as part of the *Frontline First* manpower cuts announced last year.

Major-generals earn £59,794 a year, a salary due to be increased to £63,500 on April 1. Under redundancy terms agreed with the Treasury, those leaving will receive the equivalent of 18 month's pay, a full pension, a special capital sum and a terminal grant equal to three times their annual pension. The leaving cheque will amount to well over £200,000.

Future schemes may no longer benefit from such generous arrangements. Michael Bett, a former BT chief, has been commissioned by the defence ministry to examine manpower, career and pay structures and is looking at redundancy schemes.

Under the *Frontline First* review of armed forces' support services, about 490 Army personnel are to be made redundant, some of them compulsorily. About 16,800 were made redundant under the *Options for Change* defence review, announced in 1990 after the end of the Cold War.

In an attempt to achieve the right balance in the promotion "pyramid", 90 of the most senior officers, from full colonel and above, are to be made redundant. They include up to 48 full colonels, about 32 brigadiers and eight major-generals. There will still be 41 major-generals.

Above major-general there are nine lieutenant-generals and six full generals, none of whom is expected to be affected. There are also two field marshals, although this rank is tied to jobs not always held by Army officers: Chief of the Defence Staff and chairman of Nato's Military Committee.

The *Frontline First* cuts in the Royal Navy and RAF are to be carried out in two phases. The RAF was hardest hit, with 8,600 redundancies, including 1,100 from previous *efficiency measures*.

These latest Army redundancies could pose a difficult challenge for the tri-service resettlement organisation which helps servicemen to find civilian jobs. The brigadiers and major-generals, and some of the colonels, will be in their early to mid-50s.

With three years' experience of redundancies since *Options for Change*, resettlement staff hope to maintain their record of providing up to 60 per cent of ex-servicemen with immediate civilian jobs; less than 20 per cent are still looking for work after three months. The Royal Navy found that only 4.7 per cent of 700 cases were long-term unemployed.

The organisation has had many success stories. Not all redundant major-generals, admirals and air marshals become private school bursars or directors of charities.

One major-general was asked by a City firm to draw up plans for alternative accommodation in the event of an emergency. He prepared elaborate plans for several "worst case scenarios", just as he had done in the Army.

Then, in 1993, the firm's premises were hit by the Bishopsgate IRA bomb; it exploded on a Saturday, and by the Monday, every staff member had instructions on how to find the new location. On arrival they discovered everything they needed — from computers to files — in place.

An Army source said: "The general more than proved his value for money."

Four-hour Stormont talks

THE British and Irish Governments held four hours of talks in Belfast yesterday in an attempt to complete the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document (Nicholas Watt writes).

Sir Patrick Mayhew and Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, said they were both keen to publish the document soon. The Northern Ireland Secretary said before the talks at Stormont Castle that he hoped to make good progress, but that it was important to get the document right. "We have worked for over two years at this document," he said. "If we can't conclude it today, then we trust that before long we shall be able to conclude it."

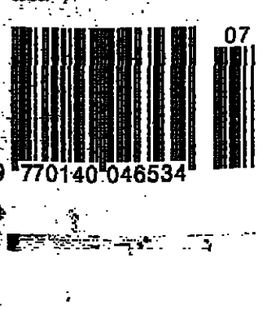
Mr Spring emphasised the obstacles in the negotiations when he said before yesterday's Anglo-Irish Conference that the two sides had failed to reach agreements in previous meetings.

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£15m challenge to Marchioness

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'Health danger' in children's squash

Parents who give children squash or fruit juice in the belief that they promote health may be starving them of nutrients needed to grow properly, researchers say.....Page 7

Government cuts cash for students on dole

BY JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

MINISTERS moved yesterday to crack down on more than 80,000 students taking courses while on the dole, following claims that colleges were tailoring programmes to take advantage of the benefits system.

In a separate development the Court of Appeal decided that undergraduates are entitled to claim benefit if they take a break in their studies. Lord Justice Hoffmann warned universities, however, not to "assist their students to raid the Exchequer" by counting the summer vacation as a suspension of studies.

Ann Widdecombe, the Employment Minister, tabled amendments to the Jobseekers Bill to cap the £280 million now being paid to students taking part-time courses at further education colleges. Up to 6,000 students will have to choose between study and benefit when new limits are applied to the number of hours of study allowed before benefits are withdrawn.

Setting out regulations expected to save £40 million, Mrs Widdecombe said that the first priority of unemployed people was to get back to work. "The benefit system is not designed to subsidise people who spend a majority of their time in education."

The 21-hour weekly limit on courses will be reduced to 16 hours of "guided study", reflecting changes in the organisation of courses. College principals denied that courses were being restructured to give students access to benefits. John Akker, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, said: "People should be free to study and get decent qualifications, not kicked in the teeth for trying to get out of dole queues."

In the Court of Appeal, university students won the right to claim income support when they take time off from their courses and cannot find work.

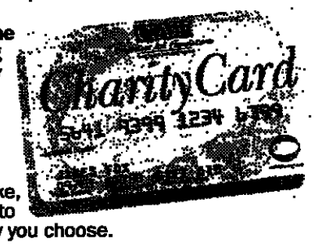
Lord Justice Hoffmann said: "What counts as vacation for the purposes of the regulations is a matter of substance rather than the name which the university chooses to give it."

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No bed of roses as Snugglebugs and Bambi draw blood

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

VALENTINE'S Day at Prime Minister's Questions is always a special occasion. It is the MPs' chance to send each other little coded messages, like "I hate you", "I hate you very much", or "I hate you truly, madly, deeply".

Dennis Skinner got the jollities off to a swinging start. Immediately after prayers, a whip, Sydney Chapman, processed, bowing, to the Table. As Vice-Chamberlain of Her Majesty's Household his job is to convey messages from the Palace to the Speaker, and he had Her Majesty's Royal Assent to a number of Bills, to report. Chapman wore morning dress and carried what is known as the Wand: a very long, slender stick. As Chapman, holding his Wand, prepared for his first bow, Dennis Skinner leapt up, apparently chalking the end of the stick as though it were a billiard cue.

Minutes later Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman (C, Lancaster) added to the fun by beating up Virginia Bottomley. Nostrils flared and breast heaving, the elderly MP rose on the first Question to the Health Secretary, glowering in Mrs B's direction. "Does my Rt hon colleague ..." she began ...

"Rt hon *Friend*," corrected a voice behind her. "Colleague," said Kellett-Bowman. This Dame was angry.

Angry because Bottomley had been "unfortunately too busy" to receive in person that morning a petition about the threatened closure of blood transfusion centres. Dame Elaine spoke of "criminal folly," and sat there, smouldering. Elaine's message to Virginia, scarcely coded, was "*snugglebugs does NOT love Ginny*".

Dame Elaine is an enthusiast for blood transfusion and doubtless a generous donor herself. Dear reader, should you, after an accident, wake up in intensive care and become conscious of your nostrils flaring involuntarily, your eyebrows beetling wildly up and down, and a fierce urge to sink your teeth into the nearest shin, ask where they got the blood.

The next Valentine message was equally discouraging. It was delivered to the sweet-natured and rounded junior health minister John Bowis, and came from a moustacheed knight of the shires, Sir Anthony Grant (C, SW Cambs). Decoded, this read "*Ant nips Cuddlebear*". Waving his Order Paper, Sir Anthony berated Mr Bowis on the subject of the transfer of psychiatric patients to Addenbrookes Hospital. The code in which Cuddlebear's reply was couched (about "revolving door cases of the seriously mentally ill") sounded alarming.

PM's Questions came next. This featured a dismaying exchange of scarcely coded anti-Valentines between John "Rabbit" Major and Tony "Bambi" Blair. Bambi sent Rabbit four simply horrid messages, apparently about Britain's poor, but actually on the theme of "*Bambi thinks Rabbit's a real meanie-poo*". Rabbit sent Bambi four messages back, apparently containing meaningless statistics, but actually saying "*Sod off, Bambi*".

Only the Tories' Peter Thurnham (Bolton NE) seemed to have grasped the spirit of Valentine's Day. Presenting Madam Speaker with a rolled copy of his Landlord and Tenant (Covenants) Bill, he also presented her with a single red rose. Surprised, Miss Boothroyd took it — and the card that came with it.

None of us knows what the card said. Your sketchwriter peered down, hoping to be able to read Mr Thurnam's writing. I *think* — but may well be wrong — that it said "*Large Woolly Bear wants Pink Piglet for lots of cuddles, and spoons*".

Major says Brussels must honour pledge on border controls

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND RICHARD FORD

JOHN MAJOR issued a warning yesterday that he would ensure the rest of the European Union kept to its word and allowed Britain to retain its immigration and border controls.

The Prime Minister moved to pre-empt today's announcement of new European Commission plans to ban frontier controls by making plain that he would fight to maintain Britain's rights. He said in the Commons that the 1985 declaration on immigration was "solemnly entered into by all the heads of government of other European countries".

He added: "They pledge their words and I intend that they will keep them."

Meanwhile, it was claimed yesterday that illegal immigration into the United Kingdom had reached almost 40,000 people a year. Peter Tompkins, the former chief inspector of the immigration service at the Home Office, said that government figures failed to disclose the full extent of immigration and that the Home Office had resisted efforts to discover the true scale of the problem.

In an interview with *The Times* he said that immigration officers caught only about one in seven of the illegal immigrants coming to Britain each year. Mr Tompkins, head of the immigration service until 1991, said that while the smuggling of immigrants was increasing, most illegal entrants arrived at ports and airports with forged documents or claiming to be students or visitors.



Downing Street yesterday named Richard Page, above, as the successor to Charles Wardle, who resigned as Trade Minister at the weekend. Mr Page, 53, MP for Hertfordshire South West, was Parliamentary Private Secretary to John Biffen, Leader of the House, between 1982 and 1987.

"The government figures do not show the extent of entry into Britain and no one in the Home Office wants to do anything about trying to estimate how many illegal immigrants are in the United Kingdom," he said.

The latest statistics produced by the immigration service indicate that at least 68,215 people were allowed to stay, permanently or temporarily, in the United Kingdom in 1993.

A total of 55,600 people were accepted for settlement in 1993, an increase of 3,000 on 1992. More than 14,000 came from the Indian sub-continent, 10,790 from Africa and 8,680 from other Asian countries.

Although only 1,490 requests for asylum were granted out of 23,405 applications considered, a further 11,125 people were given exceptional leave to remain in the country. More than 10,500 people had their asylum application turned down. The number of illegal entrants detected rose from 5,600 to 5,700 between 1992 and 1993. The number of people removed from the country under enforcement powers was 6,076 in 1993.

Morale among immigration officers has plummeted as they try to enforce controls while watching blatant abuse, particularly of requests for asylum.

Martin Slade, deputy general secretary of the Immigration Service Union, condemned what he called "this lie that we have very strict laws. On paper they may appear strict but the reality is different. If European borders open we'll be swamped. Many illegal aliens say they are here on holiday, to study or to visit relatives, then later claim political asylum."

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WILLIAM CHERRY



Sir Patrick Mayhew, left, and Michael Ancram, right, with Dick Spring at their meeting in Belfast yesterday

MPs condemn 'nationalist agenda'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

ULSTER Unionists complained to John Major yesterday that the framework document being drawn up by London and Dublin was a "nationalist agenda".

They are expected to tell him that unless there are substantial changes in the proposals over the next few days they would see little point in taking part in the next stage of the talks. The threat would represent a big setback to Mr Major's hopes of securing a lasting settlement.

It was clear after the lengthy meeting between Mr Major and three Unionist MPs that he had failed to reassure them about the contents of the document. Although they said little publicly afterwards it is understood that the MPs, David Trimble, William Ross and the Rev Martin Smyth told Mr Major that the document had nothing in it for the Unionists.

Mr Major has repeatedly made plain that the the document is not a blueprint and can be changed during the talks process, and will ultimately be subject to a referendum. One Unionist source said the three MPS had come away from the meeting "profoundly depressed" although it had been a perfectly civil encounter. Asked if Mr Major had been able to reassure the Unionists over their concerns Mr Trimble said: "Not in the slightest."

In another development yesterday, Senator Edward Kennedy pleaded with President Clinton to lift the restrictions on fund-raising in the United States by Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein. At the same time, a senior British Government official went to the White House to urge that the ban should remain in place until there is tangible evidence that the IRA is giving up its stockpile of weapons and explosives.

White House aides were unable to say which side would prevail in the dispute. They acknowledged there were still issues of concern about letting Mr Adams raise funds. Mr Clinton is in the awkward position of coming under pressure from a powerful Democratic senator and others in Congress while not wanting to upset the British.

Mr Adams's US visa containing the fund-raising restriction is scheduled to expire on March 3. He is seeking an extension without the prohibition to attend a charity dinner in New York state on March 13, possibly followed by participation in a St Patrick's Day parade. He could even be invited to the St Patrick's day lunch in Congress.

Euro row

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until 1999 at the earliest. Mr George also calmed the fears of right-wing Tories who suspect that Mr Clarke might be following in the footsteps of Nigel Lawson, who, as Chancellor in the late 1980s, shadowed the mark.

The governor left MPs with the strong impression that domestic inflation, rather than exchange-rate movements, was the main factor behind interest-rate decisions. MPs were reassured that the pound's weakness against the mark did not automatically mean that another rate rise was on the way.

Mr George described himself as Euro-agnostic. He suggested that Britain could prosper outside a single currency, provided its monetary policy and inflation rate were stable.

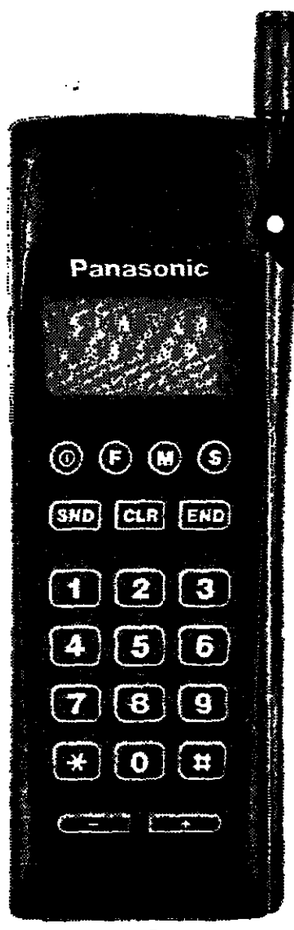
He said, however, that initially interest rates might have to be slightly higher if Britain remained outside a single currency. Once the markets accepted the credibility of a purely domestic monetary policy, it should be possible to bring them into line with European rates. The MPs were also told that the City of London could survive if sterling did not enter a single currency.

Yesterday, sterling slid to DM2.3575, well below its lowest point in 1994 of DM2.3710. Foreign exchange dealers are now targeting the pound's all-time low against the German currency of DM2.3147, which happened early in 1993. The FTSE-100 index of leading shares closed down 9.8 points at 3,071.3 as investors focused on sterling's woes and key statistics today for inflation and high street sales.

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Minister pledges NHS job fairness

BY NIGEL WILLIAMSON, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government promised more openness in appointments for top jobs in the health service yesterday as the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life examined claims that NHS trusts had been packed with Tory supporters.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, announced that from April vacancies for chairmen and non-executive directors of trust hospitals and health authorities would be advertised. She made the announcement as the committee was hearing evidence from Alan Langlands, the chief executive of the NHS.

Members of the committee feared that the measures did not go far enough to restore public confidence. They had been told by officials that the Government had vetoed up to one in ten of the recommendations for appointment made by chairmen of Regional Health Authorities.

Mrs Bottomley made it clear that she will continue to remain ultimately responsible for deciding who is appointed to trusts and health authorities. Almost 4,000 appointments are made by her or on her behalf. About 93 per cent of the posts carry some form of remuneration.

"Appointees must be drawn from as wide a pool as possible and the public must be satisfied that the process of selection has been objective and fair," she said.

☐ Doubts about the capacity of the NHS to meet the new patient's charter guarantee on waiting times were raised yesterday as latest figures showed that 3,000 patients were awaiting treatment after more than 18 months at the end of last year. Under the new guarantee announced last month by Mrs Bottomley, no patient should wait longer than 18 months for treatment after April 1. The worst affected region is Northern and Yorkshire, which had 1,446 patients who had been waiting for more than 18 months in December.

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Sharp drop in calf and sheep exports

EXPORTS of calves and sheep to the Continent have fallen sharply because of the campaign of protest against the trade by animal rights activists (Michael Hornsby writes).

The Meat and Livestock Commission disclosed yesterday that calf exports were down about 30 per cent — to 7,000 a week — from their peak in 1993, and sheep exports by up to 50 per cent. In a report it called for more research to see if the white veal favoured on the Continent could be reared here without infringing animal welfare regulations.

The report came as William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, met his French counterpart, Jean Puech, to try to persuade him that continental methods of calf-rearing were cruel and should be banned.

After two hours of talks in London, Mr Waldegrave admitted that no quick end to the cross-Channel dispute over animal welfare was in sight, though he remained optimistic that European opinion was moving in Britain's favour. He had "very good hopes" that the EU's veterinary committee would recommend a ban on veal crates before the year's end.

CORRECTION

A photograph accompanying a report (February 11) on the official RAF residence Haymes Garth, near Cheltenham, was of the late Air Commodore Tommy Thompson, and not, as the caption stated, the late Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson. We apologise to the families of both officers.

1,100 Navy jobs lost in depot closures

About 1,100 jobs are to be lost with the closure of several Royal Navy storage depots, Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, confirmed yesterday. Three depots, at Eaglescliffe in Cleveland, Wrangaton in Devon, and Exeter, are to close by April 1997. A new central storage facility is to be created at Portsmouth. Mr Soames said in a Commons written answer that the closures would proceed in spite of a campaign by local MPs. The savings would amount to £170 million over ten years and £24 million a year thereafter.

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No aid for needle baby

An appeals board has refused to grant legal aid to the baby whose parents claim he was sent home from Treliske Hospital, Truro, with a hypodermic needle inside him. The legal aid board, which met last week, says the application on behalf of seven-week-old Benjamin Jones, is premature and there is insufficient evidence of injury.

Wilde's abbey honour

The theatrical and literary world thronged Westminster Abbey yesterday to celebrate the acceptance of Oscar Wilde into Poets' Corner. At a service of dedication for a stained-glass memorial window, the poet Seamus Heaney paid tribute to Wilde's dialogue, which he said is to our speech "as ozone is to stale air".

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Wall crushes schoolgirl



An eight-year-old girl died yesterday after a garden wall collapsed on her when it was hit by a lorry. Gemma Jenkinson, left, was walking with other children in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, when the back of the lorry hit the wall as the driver, Paul Woodham, 38, of Shirebrook, Derbyshire, attempted to avoid parked cars. Police said: "No one has been charged, this was a tragic accident."

160mph biker banned

A motorcyclist caught riding his Honda Fireblade at 160mph was banned from driving for two years yesterday by magistrates in Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Anthony Pearce, 31, of Walmley, West Midlands, was ordered to pay £45 costs and to take an extended driving test before he can again hold a full licence.

Love's labours lost in post

For those who failed to receive a Valentine's card yesterday, consolation may be at hand. A backlog of more than 500,000 letters and parcels has built up after an unofficial strike by postal workers. The Royal Mail went to the High Court yesterday to gain an injunction against 400 workers who walked out in an illegal stoppage in Cardiff.

High Court plea on Guinness fortune

Daughters dispute £15m trust fund of marchioness

By Emma Wilkins

THE family of Maureen, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, began legal proceedings yesterday to challenge her right to leave her grandchildren a fortune estimated at £15 million.

Lady Dufferin, 88, who lives in Knightsbridge, west London, wants to settle a family trust fund in favour of her two granddaughters, Evgenia Sands, 30, and Ivana Citkovitz, 28, who live in America.

The move was challenged in the Chancery Division of the High Court in London yesterday by Lady Dufferin's daughters, Lady Caroline Lowell and Lady Perdita Blackwood, and her daughter-in-law, Lindy, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava.

Lady Caroline, 63, who was married to Lucian Freud, the artist, Israel Citkovitz, the American composer, and latterly to Robert Lowell, the American poet, is party to the proceedings despite the fact that it is her two daughters who could benefit from their grandmother's action.

Lady Perdita, 60, a racehorse breeder, and Lindy, Lady Dufferin, the widow of Sheridan, the 5th marquess who died of an Aids-related illness seven years ago, have no children.

The dispute stems partly from the complex arrangements left by Lady Dufferin's grandfather, the 1st Earl of Iveagh, who founded the family Guinness fortune. In 1927 he left an estimated £200 million, divided between his three children, including Ernest Guinness, Lady Dufferin's father. In 1948, Lady Dufferin surrendered the greater part of the fortune she would inherit from her father in favour of her three children.

She allowed herself an annual income of £18,000 a year, the same sum which her father had allowed her in the 1930s. The court will be asked to rule on the validity of a deed executed by Lady Dufferin in 1991 appointing her remaining interests in the family trust fund in favour of her two granddaughters. The interests, which include the Owl House, an estate in Kent, and property in Knightsbridge are estimated to be worth £15 million.



Lady Dufferin: "I am heartbroken"



Miss Citkovitz: one of two beneficiaries

Trustees of the Iveagh Will Trust, based in Jersey, began the legal action with reluctance after the family insisted that the legal principles should be settled by the court.

Edward Nugee, QC, for the trustees, told Mr Justice Knox: "Lady Caroline, Lady Perdita and Lindy, Lady Dufferin, have asked for this summons because they want to establish the validity of the 1991 appointment. Lady Dufferin has asked the trustees to establish whether she retains her power of appointment."

Lady Dufferin inherited the fortune on the death of her father in 1949. Her interests immediately passed to her children, then aged 18, 15 and 11. Five years later she gave her children a half-share in her Canadian trusts (the Guinness family owns much of Vancouver) and used the rest to endow Clandeboye, her husband's estate in Co Down, Northern Ireland.

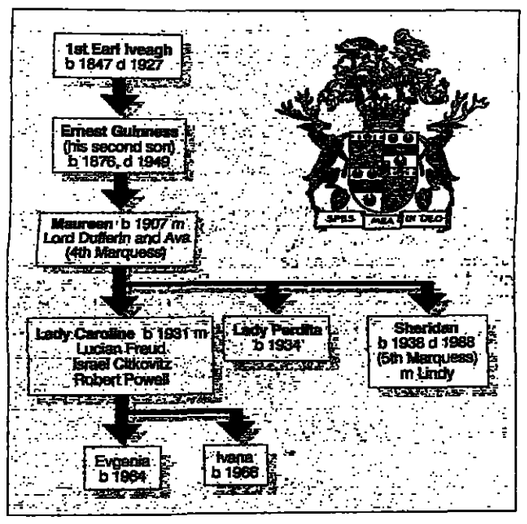
She said recently: "I am puzzled and heartbroken that my grandchildren's own mother and their two aunts are insisting on going to court. All three of them are sweet, charming people."

Lady Dufferin, who was brought up in Ireland, joined the London season in the 1920s with her sisters Aileen and Oonagh. Their fondess for practical jokes, their wealth and their beauty led to their being dubbed "the fabulous Guinness girls".

Before the first of her three marriages, Lady Dufferin became friends with the Oxford aesthetes — the Acton brothers, John Betjeman and Evelyn Waugh. When Oswald Mosley made a pass at her in Antibes, she gave him a black eye with her jewelled evening bag. Winston Churchill's son Randolph was another admirer.

After the death of her first husband in 1945, Lady Dufferin married Major Harry Buchanan but the marriage was dissolved in 1954. She later married Judge John Maude, QC, who died in 1986.

None of the family was at court yesterday. The hearing continues today.





Arthur Hiller, president of the Oscars academy, and the actress Angela Bassett announcing the nominations for Best Male Actor

British nominees surprise Oscar pundits

From Giles Whittell in Los Angeles

WITH eight leading nominations, half of them for the period drama *The Madness of King George*, the British caused most of the surprises when candidates for this year's Oscars were announced yesterday. The box office hit *Forrest Gump* dominated, however, with 13 nominations, one more than *Schindler's List* received last year.

A $40,000 flying visit by Nigel Hawthorne to promote *The Madness of King George* in New York last month appeared to have paid off: Hawthorne won a nomination as Best Actor for his role as the King, while Helen Mirren, his queen, was nominated for Best Supporting Actress and Alan Bennett for his screenplay.

Hugh Grant, star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, was a notable omission from the Best Actor nominees, but the film made a rare entry for a comedy on the Best Film shortlist along with *Forrest Gump*, *Pulp Fiction*, *Quiz Show*, and *The Shawshank Redemption*. Richard Curtis, writer of *Four Weddings*, was nominated for Best Original Screenplay. Tim Bevin, one of its producers, said: "It's a great day for British film when a movie that's not a frock flick or a gritty streets of London piece can make it throughout the world and get recognised like this."

Miranda Richardson and Rosemary Harris won nominations for Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress respectively for their roles in *Tom and Viv*, the film about T.S. Eliot, while Paul Scofield returned to the Oscar contest with a Best Supporting Actor nomination for his role as a professor in *Quiz Show*. He won the Best Actor Oscar for *A Man For All Seasons* 28 years ago.

Despite media predictions of a *Forrest Gump* backlash, there were acting nominations for Tom Hanks as Gump and Gary Sinise as his war veteran sidekick. Robert Zemeckis won a directing nomination for the film, which the bookmaker William Hill made 4-7 favourite to win the Best Film award.

Hanks, who won last year's Oscar for his role in *Philadelphia*, also faces competition from Paul Newman in *Nobody's Fool* and John Travolta in *Pulp Fiction*.

Inheritance battle hastens Lucan's official demise

By Andrew Pierce

RELATIVES of Lord Lucan have succeeded in court in transferring part of the missing earl's estate to his family for the first time since he vanished in November 1974.

The announcement that almost £150,000 had been switched from the estate brings the official demise of Lord Lucan closer. The cash comes from trusts that guaranteed an income to the missing peer for the rest of his life. Many of the trusts had been set up by his father.

Legal moves are continuing by the family to have Lord Lucan declared officially dead. He disappeared after the murder of the family nanny Sandra Rivett, and the attempted murder of Lady Lucan, at the Lucan home in Belgravia.

Scotland Yard, which still receives many tips of alleged sightings of the peer each year, said last night that there were no plans to close the Lucan file. "There is no evidence to show that he is dead," a spokesman said.

Coutts and Co, the trustees for the estate, have obtained permission from the Family Division of the High Court to wind-up Lord Lucan's financial affairs in England. When he disappared he had huge gambling debts and had recently sold the family silver at Christie's to try to stay afloat. The announcement said: "The Right Hon Richard John Bingham, the 7th Earl of Lucan, who died on or since 8th of November 1974, left settled estate valued at £146,976. The settled land grant has been issued to Coutts & Co".

A spokesman for Smee and Ford, the probate researchers, said: "The settled land grant refers to property or income which Lord Lucan had use of for the rest of his life. It is very common in titled families."

Lord Lucan's son, Lord Bingham, 27, a merchant banker with Kleinwort Benson, refused yesterday to discuss the latest moves in the Lucan saga.

Coutts can now administer the Lucan estate in England as if the 7th Earl were already dead. "We have applied to the High Court to have Lord Lucan officially sworn to be dead," a spokeswoman said.

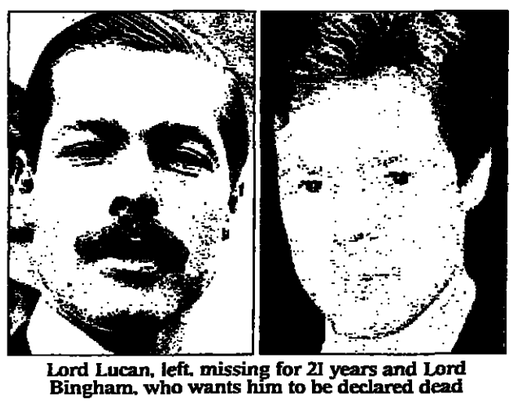
But the court ruling will have no bearing on the Lucan estate in Castlebar, Co Mayo. The estate stretched to 62,000 acres in the middle of the last century and the family still has its own pew in the town's Presbyterian church. The last member of the clan to be seen in Castlebar was the missing earl some 30 years ago.

Several hundred people own properties on Lucan land and have withheld their ground rent since his disappearance. Estimates suggest the estate is owed £50,000 in unpaid rent. Dick Morrin, a county councillor, said: "The Lucan son should get to grips with this. It causes resentment to the Irish people that they cannot own the land on which their property is built. Ground rent is a remnant of the British Empire.

"We will not pay to absentee landlords, and they don't come much more absent than Lord Lucan. If he comes back to Castlebar I will be the first in the queue to pay him."

The High Court process aims to secure an inheritance for the three Lucan children. It would not prevent the peer standing trial were he to be found. Since 1974 there have been countless sightings around the world.

Lord Lucan, who would now be almost 60 years old, was last reported to be in Botswana, a far cry from the gambling tables of the Clermont and other casinos where he lost £250,000. Taki Theodoracopulos, the shipping heir and newspaper columnist, who was a close friend, said: "Everyone knows he had no money at the end. I don't think there is much more money in the estate. I lent him money before he drowned himself at sea, which is why there is no body."



Lord Lucan, left, missing for 21 years and Lord Bingham, who wants him to be declared dead

Police launch search for 'staring' intruder

POLICE are launching a nationwide hunt for a prowler who breaks into bedrooms and stares at women while they sleep (Lin Jenkins writes). In some cases the victims have been asleep with their partner, and the intruder calmly leaves the room if anyone wakes up.

Police believe that the same man might have been responsible for similar crimes in different parts of the country. One victim may have had glue put in her mouth and nose by the intruder and has undergone psychiatric counselling.

Detective Sergeant Steve Reschwamm, of Newbury CID, leading the investigation, believes five incidents in the town might be linked with others a few years ago around Godalming, Surrey, and more recent incidents around Biggleswade in Bedfordshire.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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Heatstroke likely cause of environmentalist's death

By A Staff Reporter

ANDREW LEES, the environmentalist, probably died from severe heatstroke as he waded through the Madagascan jungle, an inquest was told yesterday.

Mr Lees, 45, the campaigns director for Friends of the Earth, collapsed and died as he trekked in the Petriky Forest on New Year's Eve. His body was found seven days later by a villager who led police and other members of a search party to the spot.

Mr Lees's fiancée, Dr Christine Orengo, 34, had been waiting at the edge of the forest. His friend Dr Jonathan Kaplan told the inquest in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk that he had had to break the news to her.

Mr Lees's body was found at the edge of a clearing about a mile into the forest. He was clutching his camera bag. There were no marks to suggest that he had been attacked, robbed or hurt by a wild animal, Dr Kaplan said.

A post-mortem examination by a Home Office pathologist, Dr David Harrison, failed to establish the cause of death; the body was too badly decomposed. It had been thought Mr Lees died of a heart attack, but Dr Harrison said he had found no evidence of heart disease. "There are a number of possibilities but if I had to choose, heatstroke would seem the most likely," he said.

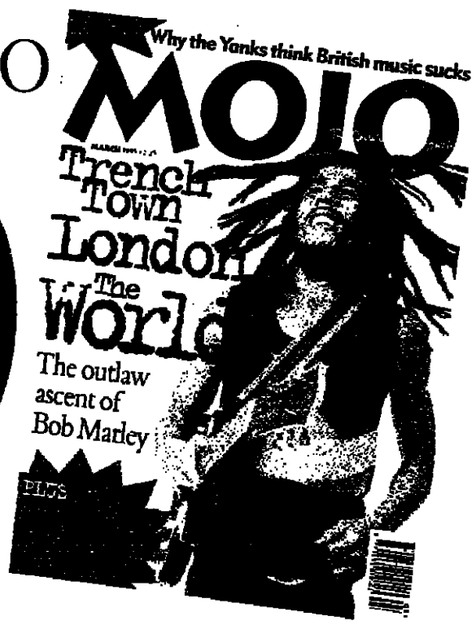
Mr Lees, of Kentish Town, north London, had been on holiday in Madagascar for two weeks, making a film on the effect on the forest of a mining project. He had been due to return home and made a last foray into the forest.

Mr Lees told his driver he would return after an hour. When he failed to appear the driver began sounding his horn and shouting.

The deputy coroner, Nicholas Holroyd, said: "Conditions were extremely hot and Mr Lees had had an exhausting two weeks." An open verdict was recorded.

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Revised reports to cut jargon

School inspectors to concentrate on improving three Rs

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

SCHOOL inspectors will focus more closely on standards in the "three Rs" under proposals published yesterday that aim to cut paperwork and make reports parent-friendly.

The Office for Standards in Education urged a comprehensive overhaul of the new freelance inspection system only five months after it started monitoring all state schools.

The shake-up follows concern that teachers are wasting time and money preparing for inspections by writing numerous documents and policies or making superficial changes rather than concentrating on raising classroom performance. A shortage of primary inspectors also threatens the Government's commitment to check each school every four years.

One primary spent more than £1,000 on indoor plants the week before inspectors were scheduled only for the visit to be cancelled. A secondary bought a vacuum cleaner to tidy the playground in an attempt to impress inspectors.

Chris Woodhead, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, told a conference in London that the proposals would make inspection reports incisive, jargon-free and relevant. He said: "We must get away from the blandness of the encyclopaedic description of every possible aspect of school life and achieve a sharp evaluation of what is actually happening in classrooms."

Mr Woodhead, who caused a furore a fortnight ago by attacking progressive teaching methods, said inspectors would not prescribe how teachers taught. But he acknowledged criticism that some inspectors had promoted such methods for ideological reasons and disclosed that three head teachers had complained recently about a bias against traditional methods.

Mr Woodhead said there appeared to be an inverse relationship between the quantity of paperwork in a school and the quality of classroom performance. He said: "Primary schools burning the midnight oil trying to prepare a policy on everything that moves in advance of an inspection visit are wasting their time."

The proposed reforms follow a period of turmoil for the new inspection regime. While the system coped with the start of secondary school inspections in autumn 1993, the additional task of inspecting 19,000 English primary schools from September has proved too much. One quarter of primary inspections planned for last term were cancelled because of a shortage of inspectors.

In a step far-removed from the spirit of a reform designed to dilute the influence of the "education establishment", Mr Woodhead signalled that teachers might be encouraged to become inspectors to combat shortages.

Peter Oldfield, vice-chairman of the National Association of Lay Inspectors, which represents the one non-professional required by law in every inspection team, welcomed the proposals. But he expressed concern that a minority of the 1,200 trained lay inspectors were dominating the market, while at least 600 people had not inspected a single school.

David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, said ministers were prepared to throw money away to hide their mistakes while schools struggled to pay teachers.

Tory joins revolt on budget cuts

By Ben Preston, Education Correspondent

THE revolt by parents and governors against education cuts gathered pace yesterday as campaigners, including a leading Conservative councillor, criticised the Government in a series of protests.

The governing body of a school in the Forest of Dean resigned in protest at being required to make savings for the fifth year in succession. Brian Fowler, chairman of the governors at Lakers School in Coleford, Gloucestershire, said they had refused to cut £100,000 from the budget of the 800-pupil secondary school, which is grant maintained.

Jonathan Taylor, chairman of the education committee in Trafford, the flagship Conservative council in Greater Manchester, attacked the Cabinet's decision not to fund the teachers' pay award. In an open letter, he described Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as "smug, complacent and stupid" and said he had no understanding of the financial difficulties faced by schools.

Mr Taylor challenged the Chancellor to find savings to fund the 2.7 per cent pay increase from the council's education budget. He said: "I ask for a response in 72 hours otherwise we will know that you are what we see, a blather of lard in the melting pot of hot water generated by the sweat you create doing nothing, knowing nothing and thinking you know everything."

More than 3,000 demonstrators, including teachers on strike, governors and children, lobbied Oxfordshire county councillors discussing cuts of £23.5 million that threaten the loss of 400 teaching jobs. A man aged 29 was arrested after Douglas Spencer, the Conservative education spokesman, had coffee thrown over him as he left County Hall at lunchtime. He was released without charge.

JOHN COGILL



Schoolfriends of Ciaran Malone attend his funeral at Carragh yesterday

Man charged with killing boy

By Nicholas Watt
Ireland Correspondent

A MAN appeared in court yesterday charged with the murder of a five-year-old boy as more than a thousand people turned out for the youngster's funeral.

Jerome Kavanagh, 21, was remanded in custody until tomorrow by Bray District Court, Co Wicklow. The court was told that when Mr Kavanagh was charged with the murder of Ciaran Malone he replied: "No".

Mr Kavanagh, who lives close to the Malone family in Carragh, Co Kildare, was driven off at speed in a police car after the hearing.

Hours earlier, more than 1,000 people lined the quiet country lanes near Ciaran's house in Carragh for his funeral. His parents, David and Mary Malone, held each other as they walked behind Ciaran's coffin.

Earlier in the day Mr Kavanagh gave himself up after an extensive search by police and troops. He was arrested at a telephone kiosk near his home after making a 999 call.

Ciaran was stabbed to death by a man wearing a balaclava on Saturday night.

Court names fine defaulters in press

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

MAGISTRATES seeking to recover £1.5 million owed in fines and compensation to victims of crime are publishing the names and addresses of more than a hundred fine defaulters.

The initiative by Hounslow magistrates in west London is part of what they describe as a "rigorous programme of enforcement." The court says that nearly £200,000 is due by way of compensation to victims of crime, "some of whom are in great need". More than 73,000 lists of defaulters will be distributed to households in the area this Friday as an insert in the local free newspaper.

Alan Baldwin, clerk to the court, said: "Where defendants are failing to pay compensation orders, magistrates and staff are particularly concerned to take steps to ensure victims of crime receive prompt payment." The court "intends to take a firm approach to ensure that compensation is paid".

The court has appealed to the public to help in the tracing of defendants who have "disregarded the order of the court". Anyone who knows the whereabouts of a fine defaulter is being urged to telephone the court in confidence.

The court is also to open on three Saturdays "so that persons who are in genuine difficulty" can speak with staff or a magistrate to "review their position".

Water chief refuses to disclose donations

By Philip Bassett

THE chairman of North West Water, Sir Desmond Pitcher, clashed with Parliament yesterday when he refused to provide MPs with information on its charitable donations.

The Commons Select Committee on Employment is likely to warn Sir Desmond of its intention to use its powers to require him to provide the information. He told the committee that he did not think details of the company's charitable donations, which last year totalled £60,000, were relevant to its inquiry into executives' pay. Greville Janner, the committee's chairman, said he could see no reason why Sir Desmond had refused the information, and asked him to reconsider.

Sir Desmond told reporters outside the committee that the donations were all for environmental work in the North West.

Sir Desmond told the MPs that he regarded his own salary as "equitable". He said that his taking up the post had entailed a 60 per cent drop in salary and that he was not concerned with "higher and higher income" but with the type of work he did.

He angered MPs when he disputed that there was genuine public concern about the pay levels of directors of privatised companies and suggested that the concern had been built up by those with an interest in doing so.

He denied that industry itself was worried about the issue, and that the establishment of a Confederation of British Industry committee to look at pay, under Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer, reflected concern.

Mother at Rikki's funeral

Six-year-old Rikki Neave, who was found strangled in a copse near his home in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, in November, was cremated at King's Lynn yesterday. Among the 40 mourners was his mother Ruth, 26, who is due in court this month charged with cruelty to Rikki. Dressed in black and wearing dark glasses, she sat apart from the rest of the congregation and sobbed throughout the service.

Hume honoured

Jacques Delors, former President of the European Commission, and John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, are to receive honorary degrees from Queen's University, Belfast.

MP in drive ban

Iain Duncan-Smith, Tory MP for Chingford, Essex, was banned from driving for a week and fined £210 for speeding while on his way to the annual party conference at Bournemouth.

Computer case

Christopher Pile, 26, of Plymouth, was remanded on bail by Plymouth magistrates charged under the Computer Misuses Act with introducing viruses into computers to facilitate crime.

Hotel raided

Three robbers, one armed with a handgun, escaped with £300 early yesterday morning after threatening staff at the Savoy Court Hotel, central London. No shots were fired.

Dummy run

Seamus Murtagh, 36, escaped from the jail at Lancaster Castle after placing a dummy in his bed and using knotted sheets to get down the battlements. Police said he should not be approached.

Road trees felled

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'Woman of good character' drank bottle of wine before breaching Scotland Yard security

Howard's drunken aide took Special Branch car

By Bill Frost

A PERSONAL assistant to the Home Secretary took an unmarked Special Branch car from Scotland Yard while over the drink-drive limit and scuffled with a police officer after trying to direct traffic on one of London's busiest roads.

Janine Barnes caused £1,600 of damage to vehicles used by two of the Metropolitan force's most senior operational officers: Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the fraud squad, and Commander David Tucker of the anti-terrorist branch.

The escapade by Barnes, 26, who was responsible for Michael Howard's daily diary, followed a lunchtime drinking session in a wine bar last November.

At Camberwell Magistrates' Court yesterday, Barnes admitted aggravated vehicle taking, having excess alcohol in her blood and driving without insurance.

Tim Clayton, for the prosecution, said that Barnes, of Welling, Kent, was "a woman of good character". She went out for a lunchtime drink on



Howard: Barnes looked after his diary

November 25, and later told police she had consumed a bottle of wine.

She then went for a walk and "found herself outside New Scotland Yard where she followed a pedal cyclist through a security barrier". Mr Clayton said that, unchallenged, Barnes went down to the high-security underground car park. She sat behind the wheel of a Ford Mondeo, which had its keys in the ignition in accordance with Yard procedure.

Barnes later told police that she only intended sitting inside the vehicle. Two witnesses saw her "reverse out and strike a Vauxhall Cavalier parked in bay 43, and this vehicle collided into a second Cavalier parked in bay 48", Mr Clayton told the court.

They described Barnes as "looking tense, gripping the steering wheel tightly and with red, puffy eyes, as if she had been crying". Before leaving she hit the two vehicles.

She eventually abandoned the car a few miles away in Clapham High Street, where it was later found with a flat tyre. Barnes then hitched a lift to Brixton police station where she reported the loss of her handbag.

She was seen shouting at a police vehicle as it entered the station car park. Moments later Barnes was restrained after she ran into the middle of the A23 at the front of the station and tried to stop the traffic.

"Miss Barnes was then taken back inside Brixton police station where she told officers what had happened," Mr Clayton said. "They were sceptical. She started shouting and there was a scuffle. She was unable to take a breath test and was held overnight." The next day she was found to have 122mg of alcohol to 100ml of blood. The legal limit is 80mg of alcohol.

Richard Lewis, for the defence, said: "The circumstances of the offences are unusual and what is even more unusual is that a lady of good character committed these offences."

Barnes was bailed unconditionally until March 14 for reports. She left the court refusing to comment.

A spokesman for the Home Office last night refused to say whether Barnes, who was suspended after the incident, would return to Mr Howard's private office. "In the light of what has happened, we will now be considering her future in the department," he said.

A police inquiry is continuing into the ease with which Barnes was able to take a Special Branch vehicle from Scotland Yard's high-security car park.



Janine Barnes is ushered away from court after admitting the offences

Smuggled lover's happy landing

By John Shaw

A BUSINESSMAN who smuggled his Russian girlfriend into the country through a rural airfield landed himself and his pilot in court. But the adventure had a happy ending and Richard Harper is now married to the woman.

Magistrates at Thetford, Norfolk, were told that Harper, of Swanton Morley, Norfolk, recruited his friend, David Clarke, 36, a pilot, to fly Eliana, a translator, from Poland to Swanton Morley airfield.

Clarke, who admitted his part in the episode last July, was fined £1,000 for assisting an illegal entry into Britain and £1,000 for carrying passengers without a licence.

Immigration officers discovered the 30-year-old woman and her son Oleg did not have visas and allowed them to stay only a fortnight. Mr Harper then set about getting the correct paperwork and last September the couple married.

Harper was fined £500 by magistrates last November for his part in bringing his girlfriend into the country illegally.

Rosemary West sent for trial on 14 counts

By Richard Duce

ROSEMARY WEST is to stand trial accused of ten murders and four sex offences, a senior magistrate decided yesterday. Peter Badge, sitting at Dursley Magistrates' Court in Gloucestershire, ruled that there was a case for Mrs West to answer on the charges of murder and also found that the prosecution had produced evidence for four new charges — two of rape and two of indecent assault.

The charges relate to two women whom Mrs West is alleged to have attacked with her husband Frederick, who committed suicide in Winson Green Prison, Birmingham, on New Year's Day.

At the end of the seven-day committal hearing, Leo Goatley, Mrs West's solicitor, said he would be seeking a High Court judicial review to overturn Mr Badge's committal decision. Mr Goatley said the case would be brought on the ground of abuse of process, claiming that the length of time since the offences were alleged to have been committed and the case being brought to court had been too long. He also said that intensive media coverage prevented Mrs West from receiving a fair trial.

Describing the evidence against Mrs West as flimsy, Mr Goatley said: "These matters will be pursued at the outset of any trial. The kind of circumstantial evidence being relied upon is of no value at all. Mrs West maintains her innocence. We will be putting forward a strong defence." He said Mrs West's mood was "pretty reasonable" after the committal.

Workmen plagued by giant river bugs

By Nigel Hawkes

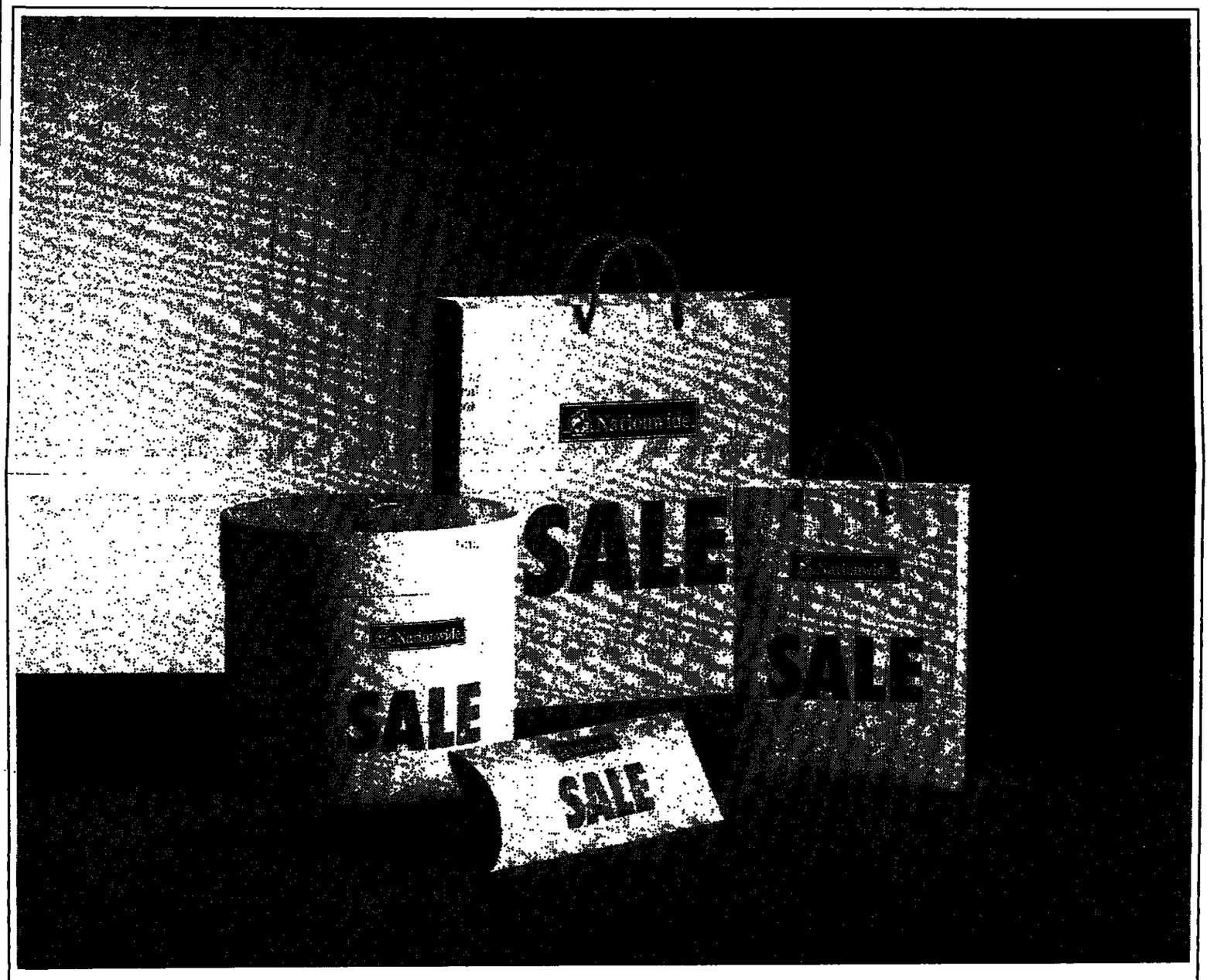
WORKERS on an industrial estate in southeast London watched aghast as thousands of giant bugs emerged from the Thames, scaled the river wall and crawled towards them.

The 1½in-long creatures covered the ground in such numbers that people fleeing from their advance had no option but to tread on them. Environmental health officers from Greenwich called to the estate in Woolwich were at first unable to identify the species.

They were believed to be huge cockroaches but were later identified by Dr Jim Brock, an entomologist from the Horniman Museum in South London, as *Ligea oceanica*, a crustacean and a larger cousin of the common wood louse.

Dr Brock said: "They thrive in salt water conditions and live along the British coast. They are very elusive and people hardly ever come into contact with them. When they do they are often frightened out of their skins because they are so big. They really do look like something out of a horror movie."

Environmental health officers believe the creatures were swept up river by high tides and went ashore at two points between Woolwich Ferry and the Thames Barrier. "There were literally thousands of them," a spokesman said. "It was quite frightening for people working on the estate who came into contact with them." The crustaceans have now either died or disappeared.



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Highland blizzards thwart rescuers and claim two climbers

By Gillian Bowditch
Scotland Correspondent

TREACHEROUS weather on Ben Nevis and Glencoe has claimed two more climbers in spite of the efforts of mountain rescuers who battled in darkness, blizzards and sub-zero temperatures to find them.

Martin Rayner, 22, a physics student from Hereford and Worcester, was found shortly before 10pm on Monday on Orion's Face on Ben Nevis. He had serious head injuries.

An RAF helicopter was unable to fly him off the mountain because of the weather and he was brought down by foot. By the time he reached hospital in Fort William, Mr Rayner had died.

The body of Allan Sands, 25, from Glasgow, was found yesterday on Glencoe. Rescuers had covered hundreds of square miles over four days in their search for him. Mr Sands, who was 6ft 6in tall, had been climbing alone and had not left details of his route. Police had received a call at 1.30am yesterday from another climber who remembered meeting Mr Sands.



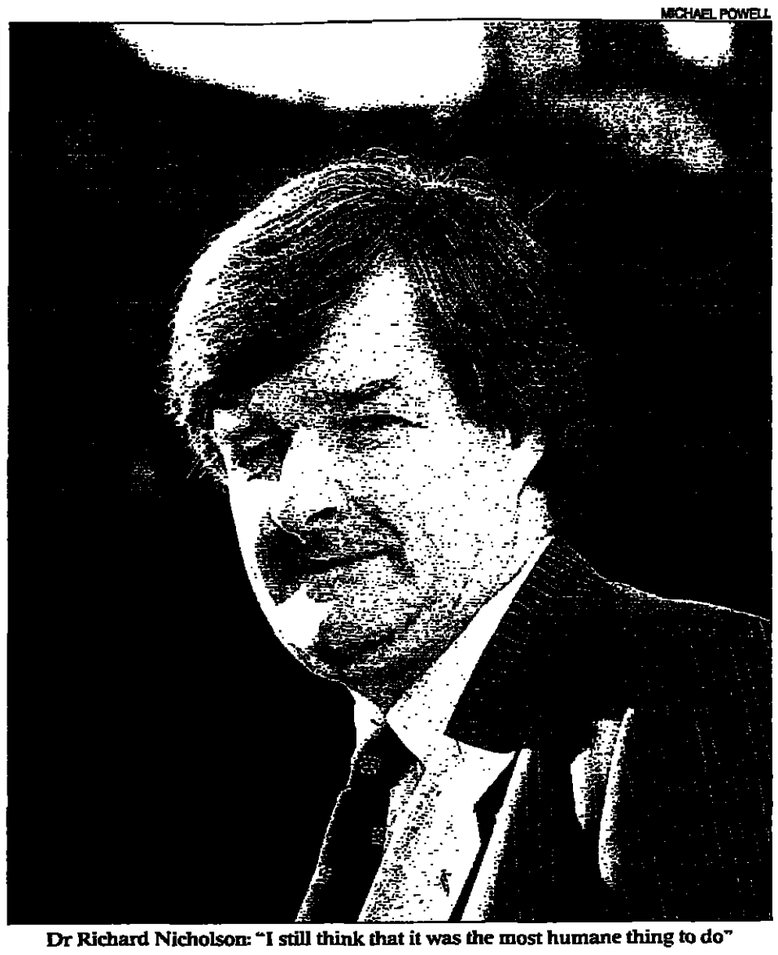
The Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team continued to search for Mr Rayner after colleagues from RAF Leuchars and RAF Kinloss were ordered off the mountain as darkness fell on Monday. Rescuers who had been on the hill from first light were exhausted by the end of the mission. Earlier on Monday, Mr Rayner's climbing companion, Sacha Backes, from Luxembourg, was airlifted off Ben Nevis. He had frostbite and severe hypothermia. Mr Backes, whose cries for help were heard by other mountaineers, and Mr Rayner had fallen while attempting a 1,500 ft climb on Orion's Face. When the rescuers found Mr Rayner, he was still attached to his rope.

Mr Backes and Mr Rayner, of Evesham, were both first-year physics post-graduates at Southampton University. Their tutor, Professor Ken Barnes, said yesterday: "They had both finished the same first semester exams and planned this expedition as a way of letting off steam. I had tea with them before they left on Friday and warned them it would be damned silly to go.

"But there was no stopping them. They could not have been better prepared and Martin was noted as being an extremely careful climber."

Terry Confield, leader of the Lochaber team, who spent nearly 20 hours on Ben Nevis on Monday, yesterday defended winter climbers. They loved the mountains and had a right to be on them, he said.

MICHAEL POWELL



Dr Richard Nicholson: "I still think that it was the most humane thing to do"

Doctor helped two handicapped babies to die

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

A DOCTOR admitted yesterday that he hastened the deaths of two severely handicapped babies after their parents had agreed that they should be allowed to die.

Dr Richard Nicholson, a writer on medical ethics, said he increased the amount of painkilling drugs over a two-day period and the babies, who were suffering from spina bifida and hydrocephalus (water on the brain), eventually died. Although the incident happened 20 years ago, Dr Nicholson said infant euthanasia was still performed in secret in Britain because it was illegal. He said he knew paediatricians who felt moved to carry it out.

Dr Nicholson founded the *Bulletin of Medical Ethics*, which he owns and edits, ten years ago and is no longer in medical practice. He has a reputation for his outspoken views on ethical issues. He makes his admission on ITV's current affairs programme *3D*, to be broadcast tomorrow at 7.30pm. However, he said he would not behave in the same way again. At a press conference yesterday called by Yorkshire Television, makers of the programme, Dr Nicholson said both the babies involved were inoperable and in pain.

The consultants had agreed with the parents that they should not be treated but kept comfortable with painkilling drugs and allowed to die. However, both babies lingered for weeks and their parents became very distressed. After discussing the problem with the ward sister, Dr Nicholson increased the doses of their drugs. "I have no way of knowing whether the drugs killed those babies or whether they died of the diseases we were expecting them to die of. I still think that was the most humane thing to do, though I thought then that what I was doing was against the law."

The British Medical Association said it knew that infant euthanasia took place but warned that doctors who carried it out were liable to criminal charges.

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Ministers offer deal to save GP night visits

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

HEALTH ministers have made concessions to the British Medical Association over payments to GPs in the hope of averting a boycott of night visits.

GPs' leaders were to meet tomorrow to ballot the profession on an end to all home visits between 10pm and 8am in protest over a decision to revamp the system of payments to family doctors. GPs were furious at the plan to reduce the night visit fee from £47.85 to £9 plus a lump sum of £2,000 a year per doctor.

However, proposals tabled this week by Gerry Malone, the Health Minister, appear to have headed off the immediate threat of a clash. Mr Malone has indicated that the Department of Health is prepared to release an extra £200 per GP into the pool of money used to pay night visit fees and to renegotiate the original package. He has also offered doctors an extra £15 million to help to cover the overheads of practices which club together to do night visits.

Ministers are also prepared to run a national newspaper campaign aimed at persuading the public not to make unreasonable demands on their local surgeries and not to call out their doctors on trivial matters.

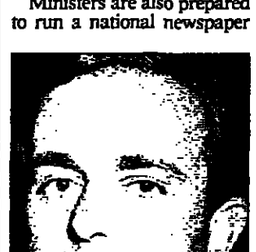
Tomorrow's meeting of the General Medical Services Committee of the BMA is expected to approve talks between the two sides on the details of the new package. The committee disputes claims that the £200 a head amounts to new money because it was previously being paid to dispensing doctors. However, its leaders have said that they are prepared to put the threat of sanctions on hold, pending fresh talks.

Mr Malone said: "We are prepared to be flexible on what was put forward in relation to the £9 night visit fee and the £2,000 a year. We want to go back to the table and discuss all this again, but I will not go back into the fee structure to destroy the impetus we have towards co-operative arrangements.

Mr Malone said he wanted to be helpful and that he still hoped the Health Department and the GPs' committee could submit joint evidence to the doctors' and dentists' review body to enable it to produce a supplementary report shortly.

Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the GPs' committee, said he welcomed the offer to restart negotiations but that he did not accept that keeping a new award within the review body's overall recommended rise of 3 per cent for all GPs was adequate.

"This does not solve the problem, but it obviously shows some movement towards us," he said.



Malone: tabled fresh proposals

Heads of utilities 'on £5,000 a week'

By Philip Bassett

LABOUR claimed yesterday that the bosses of privatised utility companies such as water and electricity firms were now earning an average of £5,000 a week.

The figure came as the Commons' all-party Employment Select Committee called in more of the leaders of former nationalised industries to give evidence, including the chairman of British Gas.

Labour leaders released a survey of the top-paid directors in privatised utilities, usually the chairman or chief executive, and showed that the average weekly wage in 1994, including pension provision, for leaders of water, telecommunications, electricity and power companies was £4,937 — or an "astonishing" £130 an hour. The top earner was Sir Iain Vallance, chairman of BT, listed by Labour at £14,558 a week for a 70-hour week.

Labour contrasted thes figures with the 10 worst-paid jobs, which it said were topped for women by waitresses on £137 a week and hairdressers on £141, and for men by kitchen porters on £161 and catering assistants on £164.

Harriet Harman, the Shadow Employment Secretary, said the figures "show just how obscene the divide between the top few and the rest of society has become under the Tories. "Whilst top executives enjoy telephone-number salaries, thousands of families in Britain are struggling just to make ends meet."

The Department of Employment says that company executives' salary levels are matters for the companies and their shareholders.

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Celebrities honour Red Cross

By Marianne Curphey

MORE than 40 celebrities, including Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Nigel Havers, Rula Lenska and Baroness Williams of Crosby, have helped to write a book marking the 125th birthday of the British Red Cross.

I Owe My Life charts its history from its first work in France in 1870 to involvement in Rwanda. The writers describe the charity's activities from sending food parcels to prisoners of war to assisting at such tragedies as the Lockerbie air disaster.

Lord Archer said at the book's launch in London yesterday that, contrary to popular perception, the Red Cross depended on voluntary donations.

The writer Claire Rayner said: "My first memories of the Red Cross are as an evacuee in Devonshire when I was just eight years old, and I had a label round my neck and a gas mask, and felt miserable as hell. Then out of the blue a Red Cross helper in an apron appeared and gave me a bar of chocolate."

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Squash-drinking syndrome

Doctors blame high intake of fruit juice for child sickness

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

CHILDREN who consume high quantities of fruit drinks are falling ill with a new syndrome that slows their growth, doctors say today. Researchers at Southampton University have identified "squash drinking syndrome" in a group of children who derived a third of their recommended daily calories from fizzy drinks, squash and fruit juice.

The children, aged from two to seven, had poor appetites, were irritable and suffered frequent bouts of diarrhoea. The researchers found that they were often subjected to unpleasant invasive tests, including biopsies in which a tube is inserted down the throat to take a sample of the gut lining, to determine the cause of the problem. Parents reported frequent disputes at meal-times when their children refused to eat. Worry about their failure to gain weight led parents to seek medical help.

Writing in *Archives of Disease in Childhood*, Jonathan Hourihane, a clinical research fellow, and Chris Rolles, a consultant paediatrician, say the most common drink consumed by the children was blackcurrant squash. An average beaker contains six to nine teaspoons of sugar and drinking it in excessive amounts would disrupt the normal development of hunger between meals, they say.

Dr Hourihane said the drinks contained "empty calories" with no nutritional benefit. "Some children are getting so many calories from the drinks that they don't eat properly and don't get enough fat and protein to grow. Meals can be an area of conflict, but breakfast is the exception because the children have gone all night without drink."

Dr Hourihane said eight children with the syndrome had been seen in the paediatric clinic at Southampton General Hospital at the time the research was done in 1993-94 and a further 20 had been identified since. "These are just the ones that come to medical attention but there must be many more," he said.

Some children were subjected to invasive tests to check whether they were suffering from malabsorption through the gut caused by coeliac disease or cystic fibrosis. However, all had improved significantly when their fruit drinks were reduced and replaced with milk and water.

A survey of 100 children in Southampton carried out by the authors found 70 per cent of the pre-school and half of the infant school children never drank plain water, mainly drinking squash and fruit juice instead. One in seven of the pre-school group obtained half their recommended daily energy intake from the drinks. At least half a child's daily energy intake should come from carbohydrate, mostly in the form of starch such as bread and potatoes.

The survey revealed that almost nine out of ten of the mothers questioned were happy with their child's drinking habits. The authors say that parents may be conditioning their children to the taste of sweet drinks from an early age, affecting their later health. "We feel our work reflects a cultural change in drinking habits driven by commercial pressures on families to consume specific products rather than drinks of nutritional benefit," they say.

Soft drink sales in Britain rose almost 50 per cent between 1981 and 1991 to 6,515 million litres, most of it drunk by children. Robert Hayward, director-general of the British Soft Drinks Association, said: "Any food or drink should be consumed in moderation."

Butter ad spread health confusion

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE Advertising Standards Authority has criticised the Butter Council for making misleading health claims.

Complaints about an advertisement in newspapers last October have been upheld by the authority. The advertisement would have tended to confuse the public about healthy eating, the authority says. The Butter Council has been asked to modify it.

At the same time, the authority rejected a counter-complaint from the council against Van den Bergh Foods, makers of Flora margarine.

The Butter Council advertisement was based on evidence that trans fatty acids in margarines (the result of chemical processes to thicken vegetable oils) might have the same effects in a diet as the saturated fats in butter. The advertising authority says that the Butter Council should have made clear that butter also contains small amounts of trans fatty acids in addition to saturated fats.

The Butter Council had also ridiculed claims made by margarine producers that their products were low in cholesterol, saying there was little evidence that cholesterol in food translated into cholesterol in the body. The authority says that consumers "may infer from the claim that eating butter bore little relation to raising cholesterol levels" and asked the Butter Council to change it.

The National Food Alliance, one of the complainants, said yesterday that the authority had taken too long to issue its ruling, which came "too late to clear up that confusion". Dr Mike Rayner said: "The ASA's ruling highlights the need for a thorough review of the codes of practice, for pre-vetting of adverts making health claims about foods, for speeding the complaints procedure and for effective sanctions, including fines."

The Butter Council did win one consolation victory. Complaints about an advertisement with the heading "Yum-Yum" and showing the chemical processes by which margarine is made were dismissed by the ASA. The presentation was "neither misleading nor inaccurate", the authority ruled.

Landowners appeal for ministry of rural affairs

BY JOHN YOUNG

A GOVERNMENT department for rural affairs, to oversee the future of the British countryside and the 13 million people who live there, was called for yesterday by the Country Landowners Association.

Besides absorbing the responsibilities of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the department would take control of forestry, wildlife, rural planning, flood defence, water supply, landscape conservation, environmental protection, pollution control and extraction of minerals.

A policy document has been submitted to John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, in advance of the Government's White Paper on the countryside, due to be published in the autumn.

Hugh Duberly, the association president, said yesterday: "Although agriculture will undoubtedly remain the predominant land use, there is a need for a move towards a broader-based rural policy." Farmers were responsible not only for food production but also the stewardship of the nation's land, and would remain the focus of all countryside policy. But jobs outside farming were also needed.



Duberly: seeking to broaden rural economy

While almost a quarter of the population lived in rural areas, they suffered from a lack of facilities. Fewer than 10 per cent of rural parishes had a bank, nursery or day-care centre; nearly three quarters had no daily bus service and over a third had no shop.

Mr Duberly added: "An estimated 37,000 rural households are in housing need and 16,000 are homeless, as a result of rising prices, lack of public sector funds, discrimination against renting, and restrictive planning policies."

The report claims that the rural economy is hampered by over-regulation and the designation of large areas of countryside for specific purposes. The Government and the European Union must recognise that areas of landscape or wildlife value cannot be sustained merely by drawing lines on maps. The association fears that such maps will be misused through the planning system to constrain rural enterprise and economic development.

The report also claims that too many buildings are listed as of historic interest. It says that the key to protecting heritage buildings and sites is in finding economic uses for them which will yield funds for maintenance.

The report calls for more incentives for environmental management to protect and enhance wildlife habitats, landscapes and historical features. In return for receiving "stewardship" incentives, farmers must reduce their reliance on subsidies.

Access to the countryside is better ensured by voluntary agreements with landowners than by any statutory "right to roam", the report says. There must be proper recognition of the role of country sports in both the countryside economy and environmental management, and individual choice must be protected.

☐ *Towards a Rural Policy: a Vision for the 21st Century* (Country Landowners Association, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PQ. £5)

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Lorry widow wins review

THE widow of one of six people killed when a lorry with faulty brakes crashed in Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, in September 1993 has won the first round of her battle to prosecute the vehicle's owners. Brenda Waterworth, of Bradford, was granted a judicial review of a decision not to prosecute Fewston Transport for corporate manslaughter. Derek Waterworth was the driver.

JULIAN HERBERT



Colin Ellis runs the largest British herd of bison, with 55 animals, at his Wiltshire farm. He began the herd with surplus zoo stock

Healthy buffalo roams into the British diet

BY ROBIN YOUNG

BUFFALO, the staple diet of American Indians and prairie dogs, has arrived on British supermarket shelves as a lean, healthy meat of the future.

Tesco launched buffalo steaks and burgers from a ranch in Calgary, west Canada, in 160 of its stores yesterday. If the launch succeeds, other major retailers are sure to follow.

Buffalo is slightly stronger and sweeter tasting than beef, but can be cooked in all the same ways. At £5.99 for a 10oz pack of two steaks until March 5 (£6.99 thereafter) and £2.59 for two quarter-pound burgers (going up to £2.99) the meat is not much more expensive than prime beef. "Our in-house tests show that it should go well with customers," a Tesco spokeswoman said.

The buffalo, or, as it should more properly be called, bison, once roamed the great plains of America in vast numbers, perhaps 60 million at its peak. By the end of the last century they had been hunted to near extinction but numbers have since recovered.

The meat has less cholesterol than fish, let alone beef or chicken, and is approved of by the National Heart Association and fitness enthusiasts such as Jane Fonda.

Buffalo has to be cooked more carefully and at lower temperatures than beef. Buffalo meat exposed to gas mark 7, a Canadian brochure admits, will be "nearly as palatable as roofing shingles".



Buffalo Bill: scourge of the plains herds

The best meat is tenderloin, but there are only nine to 12 pounds of tenderloin on a typical carcass.

There are estimated already to be more than 150,000 bison on ranches in America and numbers could exceed a million by the end of the century. Forty ranches with average herds of 200 head apiece are operating in France and Belgium.

There are over 200 bison in Britain, where the animals were introduced in the 1870s by a game-hunting cowboy called Buffalo Jones. The largest British herd, of 55 animals, is run by Colin Ellis at a farm in West Knoyle, Wiltshire. He started his herd with animals from Chester Zoo. Another ten members of the British Bison Association, of which Mr Ellis is secretary, have animals.

Chefs in Britain who have tried buffalo differ about how to handle it. Antony Worrall Thompson, who test-cooked the meat yesterday, served it with a compote of honey, apples and onions. "It is a little stronger than beef and a bit tougher," he said. "The burgers could do with some sort of barbecue sauce to zap them up a bit."

Bob Plumb, a Canadian rancher, recommends mousseline of bison or bison Wellington. At the Buffalo Bill museum in Cody, Wyoming, the restaurant sells snacks of dried bison jerky. Tesco is merely recommending that buyers grill or fry their steaks or burgers for 10 to 12 minutes.

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Price war 'would be illogical'

Le Shuttle summer fare undercuts ferry by £10

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

HOLIDAYMAKERS taking their cars to France through the Channel Tunnel this summer will save £10 compared with the cost of using the cross-Channel ferry.

Eurotunnel's long awaited summer fares, launched yesterday, reveal a marginal difference between its price for a car and four passengers and those of its main competitors, P&O European Ferries and Stena Sealink. For cars with just one or two passengers, it will be cheaper to take the ferry from Dover, although, motorway-to-motorway, Le Shuttle takes only one hour, half as long as by sea. Ferry operators are also offering discounts of up to 20 per cent on bookings before the end of March. From April 1 a standard return ticket for Eurotunnel's Le Shuttle service will cost between £214 and £308, according to time and date of travel. That compares with a range of £220 to £320 for the ferry and £239 to £339 for Hoverspeed. Five-day returns on Le Shuttle will cost between £115 and £169.

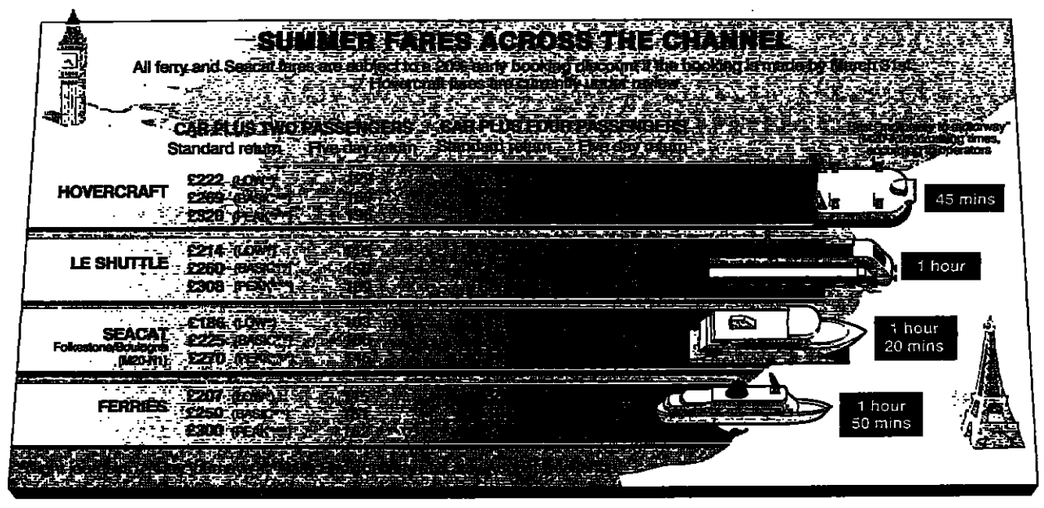
The announcement paves the way for the first high season clash between Eurotunnel and the ferry operators since Channel Tunnel passenger services started last year. However, Eurotunnel executives dismissed the threat of a price war being launched by the ferry companies to meet the challenge of the new competition from passenger services through the tunnel. "We just do not see what kind of business logic would lead them to carry out a price war," said Georges-Christian Chazot, chief executive of Eurotunnel. "The tunnel will not just disappear, it cannot disappear. They just have to be sensible about it."

More than a million people have already used Channel Tunnel rail services and the number of trains operating between the Continent and England is being rapidly stepped up. From April Eurotunnel will operate a "turn up and go" service, with trains running at a rate of four an hour by August. Until the end of April reservations will have to be made in advance.

Chris Laming, public relations manager at Stena Sealink, said bookings were on course to match last year's record, despite the competition.

"It remains to be seen how many members of the public want to go down a totally boring and utilitarian hole in the ground," he said.

☐ A return air ticket to the Continent varies widely depending on class, time of year and departure airport, according to Thomas Cook. A super Apex return from Heathrow to Paris at the height of the season, costs £79 compared with £184 from Manchester.





Tumim: "little change since 1989 inspection"

Inspector says jail is affront to human dignity

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of prisoners at Armley jail, Leeds, live in overcrowded conditions that are "an affront to human dignity", Judge Stephen Tumim says in a report today.

The Chief Inspector of Prisons condemns working conditions in some areas of the jail as appalling, particularly a segregation unit infested with vermin and lacking ventilation and natural light. Large areas of the premises were dirty and most remand prisoners spent 22 hours a day locked in their cells.

He says that perimeter security at the jail, which holds 1,104 inmates, was barely acceptable. Six closed-circuit television cameras were placed haphazardly and did not provide full monitoring of the perimeter.

Tony Fitzpatrick, the governor, did not have an office within the perimeter fence. He faced unremitting and serious overcrowding and a prison culture resistant to improving the regime.

The judge criticises the air of resigned institutionalisation among staff and prisoners. He says determined action by managers was needed to end the jail's tradition as a "human warehouse where prisoners and staff have to tolerate unsatisfactory conditions".

He says: "It was depressing that, in spite of improvements to some buildings, little had changed in conditions for prisoners since the last inspection in 1989."

The report blames overcrowding for many difficulties at the jail, built in 1847 and undergoing a £29 million redevelopment. "Leeds staff were trapped in a warehouse with apparently no chance to put things right because of unremitting overcrowding and insufficient activity."

Judge Tumim adds: "Prisoners were not in our judgment cowed through fear of staff: rather they were intimidated by conditions which were in many respects an affront to human dignity."

The Chief Inspector criticises the prison service for its failure over the years to stop overcrowding, which had resulted in "deeply unsatisfactory" conditions for staff and prisoners. The population of 1,104 compared with a certified normal accommodation figure of 985.

Most prisoners were still slopping out when the inspection took place in June 1994. An exercise yard covered by a cage for Category A prisoners was a "disgrace, contaminated by parcels of human excreta and bird droppings. It should be dismantled." Video games "which, regrettably and unwisely in our view, had recently been installed, seemed in keeping with the general air of lethargy".

Last night Tony Fitzpatrick, the governor, said the judge's report was inaccurate in labelling Leeds as deeply unsatisfactory. "I accept that the conditions in the three Victorian wings at Armley are basic, but I cannot agree with the inspectorate's assertion that conditions here are an affront to human dignity."

The £29 million redevelopment had produced two new wings, ending slopping out for 600 prisoners, and a health care centre, kitchen and sports complex, Mr Fitzpatrick said.

In 1989 Judge Tumim condemned gross overcrowding for 1,171 prisoners at Armley. He found a squalid life to which staff and inmates had become inured and a "moribund regime" with limited constructive activity.

There had been too much concentration on packing in "as many prisoners as possible" and too little concern with giving them personal attention and physical activity to preserve self-esteem.

☐ *HM Prison Leeds*, Report of the Chief Inspector of Prisons: Home Office, £1.50



ASADOUR GUZELIAN

Armley jail, Leeds: a "human warehouse with unremitting overcrowding"

Head suspended 'for taping boy's mouth'

A HEAD teacher has been suspended after allegedly sealing a pupil's mouth with sticking tape to stop him talking in class. Police are investigating the incident.

Alex Christie, the head at Carmuirs Primary School, Camelon, Central Scotland, is alleged to have made the 10-year-old boy stand in front of the class for ten minutes with his mouth taped. Central Regional Council's education department met yesterday and decided to conduct its own investigation into the incident, which took place last week. Mr Christie was told of the council's decision by letter.

Police from Central Scotland Child Protection Unit at Bannockburn are conducting an inquiry after receiving a complaint.

Attacker freed after man is left disabled

AN ASSAILANT whose victim was left paralysed walked free from court yesterday.

Stephen Amer, 38, of Brighton, is still in hospital nine months after the street attack and might have to spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair. Robert Newton, also of Brighton, was ordered to do 180 hours' community service by Lewes Crown Court after admitting a charge of actual bodily harm. Newton, 48, had originally been accused of causing grievous bodily harm.

After the case, Mr Amer's mother Margaret said: "This sentence shows the vast difference between justice and law."

Recorder Peter Birts, QC, was told how Mr Amer, a rail guard, hit his head on the road while reeling from a punch by Newton, with whom there had been a long-running dispute.

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Crime linked to unemployment

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

CRIME is linked to unemployment, a new study claims today, challenging the Government's insistence that there is no correlation between increased lawlessness and the number of people out of work.

The report from the independent Employment Policy Institute, acknowledging that the Government has "strongly resisted" any idea of unemployment being a cause of crime, maintains that the statistical evidence linking unemployment and crime is "much stronger than is commonly supposed".

The study says that Home Office research does not take sufficient account of the way that falls in unemployment lag behind economic recovery, and is not adjusted for inadequacies in official jobless figures. On closer examination, it says, changes in crime can be linked to the state of the labour market. "The fact is that the nation's unemployment black spots — Cleveland, Merseyside, Northumbria, Greater Manchester, South Yorkshire, West Midlands, Greater London and South Wales — are also its crime black spots". The study accepts that it would be wrong to claim that all people out of work resorted to crime.

The study's author, Dr John Wells, an economics lecturer at Cambridge University, refers to a phrase coined by Tony Blair when the Labour leader was Shadow Home Secretary, saying: "If we are going to be 'tough on crime and tough on the causes of crime', then we have to come down hard on two of the very well-documented causes of crime: unemployment and poverty."

The Government strongly denied yesterday any link between crime and unemployment. The Home Office said that while evidence varied, studies showed there was no link between unemployment and crime: "There is no single cause of crime," it said.

The Department of Employment said: "Unemployment does not cause crime. People commit crime." While both unemployment and crime were too high, it was incorrect to suggest that poverty and unemployment caused crime.

Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, will today announce the latest unemployment figures, which ministers hope will continue the two-year downward trend in the number of people out of work and claiming benefit. City forecasts are suggesting that unemployment could fall today by a further 36,000.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer South **Love all. Rubber bridge**

	♠K98 ♥A105 ♦864 ♣Q963	
♠5 ♥K9873 ♦KJ753 ♣54	N W E S	♠QJ42 ♥J2 ♦109 ♣KJ1082
	♠A10763 ♥Q64 ♦AQ2 ♣A7	

S	W	N	E
1♠	Pass	2♠ (1)	Pass
2NT (2)	Pass	3NT	Pass

Contract: 3NT by South. Opening lead: five of diamonds

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

(1) Raising to Two Spades is correct in my view. The reason is that South is more likely to make a game try on a marginal hand after a raise than after a 1NT response. On this hand South would have passed 1NT and a good game would have been missed. If North had the queen of spades instead of the ace it would have been correct to respond 1NT.

(2) Normally you need 17 points to continue with 2NT in this sequence. However, when spades are supported the South hand improves — the straggly suit will now be a good source of tricks, and South has two aces — important for the type of no-trump play in which declarer runs a long suit.

The declarer won East's nine of diamonds with the queen, and played a spade to the eight and jack. East returned a diamond won by South's ace, on which West played the king. South took that as a suit preference signal for the higher-ranking suit, so decided to play West for the king of hearts.

He picked up East's spades and ran the suit, and when West discarded three hearts and a club, the declarer played a low heart putting in the ten to make his contract.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

New ratings

In the Professional Chess Association's latest rankings, Garry Kasparov has sunk to 2,789 points, well below his normal 2,800. Anatoly Karpov is second (2,759) and Gata Kamsky third (2,741).

Sanghi leaders

Anatoly Karpov has won his sixth game against Boris Gelfand in Sanghi Nagar, India, and leads by 3½ to 2½. Gata Kamsky needs one draw to reach the Fide final.

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Boris Gelfand
Sanghi Nagar, Game 6
Benko Gambit

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	d5	b5
4	cxb5	a6
5	bxa6	g6
6	Nc3	Bxa6
7	e4	Bxf1
8	Kxf1	d6
9	g3	Bg7
10	Kg2	Nbd7
11	Nf3	0-0
12.	h3	Re8
13	Bg5	h6
14	Bd2,	Qa8
15	Re1	Rb8
16	b3	Ne8
17	Re2	Nc7
18	Rc1	Ra7
19	Qc2	Na6
20	Na4	Nb4
21	Bxb4	Rxb4
22	Qd3	Ra5
23	Rec2	h5
24	Rc4	Rb8
25	Qd2	Rab5
26	R1c2	R5b7
27	Qe2	Ra7
28	Rd2	Ra5
29	Rd1	Qa6
30	Rd2	Bh6
31	Rdc2	Bg7
32	Qe3	Qa8
33	Rd2	Ra7
34	Rd1	Rb5
35	Qe2	Rb8
36	Nd2	Nb6
37	Nxb6	Rxb6
38	a4	Bh8
39	f4	h4
40	Qg4	hxg3
41	h4	Kh7
42	h5	Qg8
43	Rc3	f5
44	hxg6+	Qxg6
45	Qh4	Qf6
46	Rh1	bxe4
47	Rxg3	Rb4
48	Qg4	Ra8
49	Rgh3	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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Cabinet contradictions mean a collapse can no longer be ruled out

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The financial markets are at last getting worried about the Government's political position — and they are right to be. It is only because we have become so accustomed to open Cabinet divisions about Europe that the events of the past ten days have not received more attention. Kenneth Clarke and Jonathan Aitken, his Treasury deputy, have publicly contradicted each other over a single currency and the Chancellor's speech has been described as unhelpful by Michael Portillo. Mr Clarke and Mr Aitken have also disagreed over teachers' pay, and, more important, their differences have been authoritatively leaked. A collective Cabinet line has become a fiction.

The conventional wisdom is that this fractious state can continue indefinitely, or at least until the next election. After all, decisions on a single currency do not have to taken for several years. The Prime Minister has been resilient and skilful in balancing both sides, and he has the sympathy of most Tory MPs, as expressed at his meeting yesterday with the executive of the backbench 1922 Committee.

But a collapse can no longer be completely ruled out. Past governments have become so divided that they lose the will to carry on. In most cases, there are deep splits on policy and resignations. This happened to the Balfour Government which resigned in 1905 before an election after five ministers had resigned or been sacked over the tariff reform controversy. In 1951, the Attlee Government went to the country after little more than 18 months of the parliament, despite having a small overall majority. Its senior ministers were exhausted and the Government had been weakened by the resignations of Aneurin Bevan and Harold Wilson. Senior members of the Callaghan Government had also been worn down by the winter of discontent and many were resigned to losing the election even before the defeat in the vote of confidence in March 1979.

The same conditions could recur. Divisions could become cumulatively so debilitating that a resignation could be triggered over a relatively minor issue. The inter-governmental conference of European leaders will present several traps. It should be possible to agree a position beforehand but it will be much harder to hold it during the negotiations. At some point, either the sceptics or the pro-Europeans could decide that resignation is the best way to prepare for the Tory battles in Opposition.

Every time Mr Major puts forward a unity formula on Europe, both sides rush in with their own incompatible interpretations. There is the ludicrous position that the Cabinet is agreed that Britain will not enter any monetary union formed in 1996-97, earlier than is anyway likely, but it has an open mind on whether to enter one in 1999, a more probable starting point. Although it is sensible not to reach a premature judgment on a monetary union whose structure is still unknown, some ministers will never agree. Mr Aitken has said he would hesitate for "an eternity" before voting for one, the same position as at least five other members of the Cabinet, while Mr Clarke and others such as Mr Gummer would clearly back entry on the likely basis.

Immediate risks arise from disagreements within the Treasury and tensions between the Chancellor and the Prime Minister. The dangers of such divisions are underlined by Nigel Lawson and the last two Cabinet Secretaries in a fascinating symposium on Cabinet Government in the winter issue of *Contemporary Record*, produced by the Institute of Contemporary British History. As Peter Hennessy notes, "all agreed on the Prime Minister-Chancellor of the Exchequer nexus as the special relationship within modern British Government". Both Mr Major and Mr Clarke recognise that.

But the strains within the Cabinet are apparent for all to see. The odds are still that they will not destroy the Government despite the damage being done to the Tories' standing. The situation is, however, inherently unstable.

PETER RIDDELL

Hanley campaigns with enthusiasm but little hope

BY JAMES LANDALE, POLITICAL REPORTER

JEREMY HANLEY arrived in South Wales yesterday to play a fleeting part in the Tory campaign to erode Labour's vote in the Islwyn by-election.

That the Tories will be defeated at the polls tomorrow is not in doubt. The seat was held for almost 25 years by the former Labour leader Neil Kinnock, who won in 1992 with a majority of 24,728 — 74.3 per cent of the vote.

Not surprisingly, the Tories have run a low-key campaign. When asked why he had turned up only 36 hours before polling, Mr Hanley, the party chairman, said: "I am here now. I have been in constant touch throughout the campaign."

Mr Hanley was enthusiastic but slightly uncomfortable at the poorly attended press conference. He declined to venture onto the streets, contenting himself with a Tory ladies' coffee morning before heading back to London and Question Time in the Commons.

Conservative Central Office often uses a tough Labour seat to "blood" potential MPs and Islwyn is no exception. Peter Brooke and Tim Yeo both contested the seat before heading for safer ground in London and Suffolk.

The Tory candidate this time, Robert Buckland, 26, is a forthright barrister and Dyfed county councillor who is liked by the traditional, if rare, Tory voter who supports his opposition to Labour plans for a Welsh assembly. In a uniform Barbour and pinstripe, he cuts an odd figure in the valleys, scuttling from house to house in pursuit of the uncertain voter. But he is realistic enough to know that the "Tory taffy" is not popular. "Remember, it is a free and secret vote so you can vote how you want," his campaign literature urges closet Tory supporters.

In 1992, the Tories came second with more than 6,000 votes. This time Mr Buckland is confident of what he calls "a good result" despite fears that he might be squeezed into third place by Plaid Cymru. "Every vote we get will show Labour that they cannot take everybody for granted," he said.



Jeremy Hanley with a young supporter in Blackwood, Gwent

Labour, however, has campaigned hard, fearful that a drop in support in such a stronghold will be represented as a setback. At a rally this week at Pontllanfraith, more than 300 Labour supporters gathered to hear Don Touhig, their candidate, urge them to the polling booths. "If you are a Labour voter and you stay at home on Thursday, you are giving the Tories the kiss of life," he said.

Mr Touhig, a Labour councillor for 20 years, has the popular touch but many still have trouble with his name. One elderly woman called him "Mr Toothache", prompting the inevitable response: "We are going to give the Tories some toothache on Thursday."

Privately, however, many Labour Party activists agree that the majority will be cut by a low turnout, especially if it rains.

Plaid Cymru, which lost its deposit in 1992 winning only 3.9 per cent of the vote, claims now to have at least 16 per cent. Jocelyn Davies, 35, a schools inspector and the only local candidate, said that the Kinnock factor was working in her favour. "People here are used to voting for a famous person. Now they don't know the Labour candidate's name but they do know mine."

☐ General election, 1992: N. G. Kinnock (Lab), 30,908; P. W. Bone (C), 6,180; M. Symonds (LD), 2,352; H. Jones (PC), 1,636. Lab majority: 24,728.

Ashdown criticised over sour success

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY ASHDOWN faced criticism from his party colleagues yesterday for his failed attempt to forge links with Labour in Monday's Commons vote on Europe.

After a rare Commons victory for the Liberal Democrats, the taste of success was soured quickly by doubts over the party leader's strategy.

Labour's refusal to support the Liberal Democrats underlined the difficulties that Mr Ashdown has in convincing some of his MPs and many activists that the two parties can work together. He had billed the Commons vote on a European referendum as an opportunity for opposition parties to lure Euro-sceptic Tories and inflict a wounding defeat on an unsteady Government.

In the event, with both main parties abstaining *en masse*, only 50 MPs remained to give Mr Ashdown a hollow victory. "It was a case of Paddy getting the strategy right but the tactics hugely wrong," one colleague said. "He's right to pick Europe but he's got to get the detail right too."

Liberal Democrat MPs remain loyal to Mr Ashdown as their best hope of building up 40 or more seats at the next election. But party activists are casting anxious looks towards the local council elections in May. With Labour resurgent, the Liberal Democrats fear that the huge gains they secured in last year's local elections could be eroded. One MP said: "They are already quarrelsome and they would blame any failures on the leadership."

Those who foresee Mr Ashdown's departure, possibly after the next general election, envisage Menzies Campbell, the foreign affairs and defence spokesman and likely MPs' choice, vying for the party crown with Charles Kennedy, the European affairs spokesman and the grassroots favourite.

Mr Ashdown saw a glimpse of the potential for internal strife at last year's annual party conference, when activists pressed for the legalisation of cannabis. With plans afoot to bring euthanasia onto this year's conference agenda, the leadership's hopes of preventing sensitive debates already look forlorn.

Monday's vote also brought to the surface tensions between Mr Ashdown and some senior colleagues. Mr Campbell, MP for Fife North East, wrote a sternly worded memorandum to Mr Ashdown, correcting suggestions that he failed to tell Labour the details of the vote plan.



Labour to 'phase in regional assemblies'

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A LABOUR government would phase in its plan for regional assemblies in two stages, Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr Straw denied that the party was backtracking but confirmed that the introduction of elected assemblies would be delayed at least until a unitary system of local government had been established. He proposed a system of "evolution" spread through a generation rather than a single parliament. The decision follows fears that a big upheaval would be unpopular and saddle a Labour government with too much legislation in its first parliament.

Mr Straw said that in the first phase Labour would establish indirectly elected regional bodies with local authority and business representatives. These would have powers in areas such as planning permission, economic development, and transport. There would then be a move towards elected assemblies although he could not give any timescale.

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: In the Commons, questions to the Health Secretary and the Prime Minister were followed by a debate on an Opposition-led motion on "a divided Britain — the problems of poverty and long-term unemployment".

In the Lords, the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill gained its third reading. Peers then debated a call for restoration of democracy in Nigeria.

TODAY: In the Commons, backbench debates will begin at 10am, followed by questions to environment ministers and debates on the Licensing (Sunday Hours) Bill, the Scottish Housing Support Grant Orders and Revenue Support Grant (Scotland) reports.

The Lords will debate the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, links with South Africa, the War Crimes (Supplementary Provisions) Bill, and the Human Rights Bill.

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FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY

GERMAN authorities plan snap checks of foreigners within a few miles of its borders with other European Union countries to try to plug some of the holes that will be opened next month by the Schengen agreement.

Bonn has promised to supply an extra 500 border police to the southwestern state of Baden-Württemberg, which has a common frontier with France. Provincial states like Bavaria already carry out checks behind the frontier, monitoring cars coming from Austria.

Germany's borders with Poland and the Czech Republic, its eastern neighbours, have been tightly controlled for some time, although neither Poles nor Czechs need visas to enter the country. Agreements with Warsaw and Prague ensure that many potential refugees and asylum seekers from the Balkans are turned away long before they reach the German frontier. Now many of these immigrants are trying to enter Germany across EU borders. According to the Baden-Württemberg interior ministry, 1,665 people entered the province illegally from France in the first eight months of last year. Most of the illegal immigrants are Albanians from Kosovo.

The figures are likely to jump dramatically from March 26, when the Schengen asgreement is implemented in all EU states except Britain, Denmark and Ireland. Helmut Zorell, the Baden-Württemberg Interior Minister, has sent a formal request to Bonn for the federal authorities to "improve" the Schengen agreement by "for example, setting up cross-border observation and giving police the right of pursuit in neighbouring states, as well as enhancing the unsatisfactory international police controls currently in force".

Bonn, by promising the extra border police, seems to agree that such hinterland policing is necessary. The Schengen agreement allows extra controls under Article 2 only as an exceptional and temporary measure if public order or national security are threatened and only if the affected member states are consulted. But there seems to be nothing to prevent random checks in the hinterland, some miles beyond the actual border. Baden-Württemberg is urging Bonn to begin talks with France about introducing equivalent controls on the French side of the border.

The irony of Schengen is that open frontiers may lead to greater police controls in everyday life. The current borders between Germany and the Benelux states have been informally open for a few years: it is already possible to travel by train without any identity documents between Berlin, Amsterdam and Brussels.

This has indirectly spurred some social reforms in Germany. Since soft drugs can be bought over the counter in Dutch coffee shops, Germany too has had to consider liberalising its policy on the use of cannabis. Informal police co-operation has become the order of the day in border towns such as Maastricht, with Belgian and German police sometimes allowed to pursue suspected criminals across the border into Dutch territory.

Schengen may actually lead to a tightening of these controls. But Germany's main concern is that Islamic activists, in trouble in France, will use Germany as a shelter. Some Algerian fundamentalists have already set up a base outside Cologne, causing some friction between France and Germany.

Britain's border controls face Euro court test

BY MICHAEL DYNES AND GEORGE BROCK

EU LAW

THE European Court of Justice is preparing to hold its first formal hearings on the abolition of internal frontier controls in the spring, court officials in Luxembourg confirmed yesterday.

The hearings can be expected to provoke a furious response from Tory Euro-sceptics, who fear the Government is being forced to abolish Britain's internal frontier checks against terrorists, drug traffickers, criminals and illegal immigrants. Legal action is being brought by the European Parliament against the European Commission for its failure to force Britain and Ireland to abolish their internal frontier controls, as required by the terms of the Single European Act.

Britain and Ireland have insisted that they obtained an exemption from the Single European Act commitment to create a Europe without frontiers. The Commission has never endorsed this view, although it has hitherto failed to resolve the issue.

Jacques Santer, the President of the European Commission, will today signal to MEPs that he wants to end Britain's passport checks on EU travellers. But his declaration is likely to demonstrate more shadow than substance.

Commission officials yesterday said that, while they continued to object to Britain's retention of border controls, any action by Brussels will be cautious, careful, and will take account of the views of national governments. One official, bridling at British tabloid newspaper reports suggesting that the Commission can and will strike down Britain's frontier controls in the near future, admitted: "It's a bloody difficult issue."

Under European law, EU institutions have the right to take legal action against other Union institutions for failing to carry out their obligations. That process was set in motion by the European Parliament in November 1993, when it lodged a complaint against the Commission claiming that Brussels had failed to create a Europe without internal frontiers.

It is by no means certain that the court would find against the Commission, which would have the effect of forcing Brussels to move against Britain and Ireland.

But Britain and France, which are anxious to have their voices heard, have already intervened in the case against the parliament in support of Brussels.

Preliminary written procedures, which outline the merits of the case, were completed last December. The first hearings are expected to take place in the spring, although no date has been set. A decision is unlikely to be made before the end of the year, officials say.

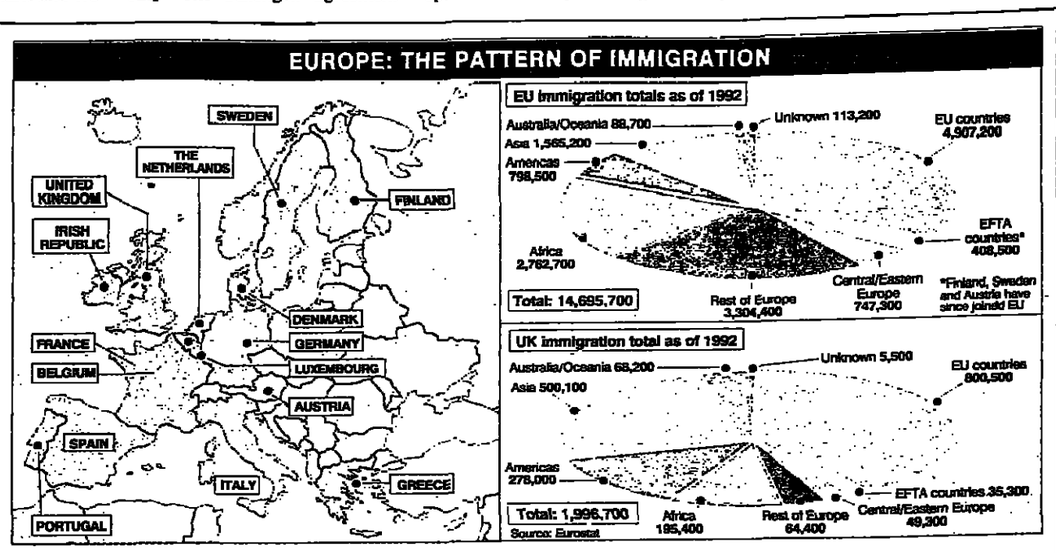
The court may decide, however, that member states need more time to resolve the issue, in which case it would be up to next year's Inter-Governmental Conference to settle the issue. Should the court decide that the Commission has failed to carry out its treaty obligations, the Commission may then be forced to initiate legal action against Britain and Ireland for their refusal to abolish internal frontier controls in line with Article 7a of the European Single Act.

Under the protracted three-stage process for legal proceedings against infringement of European Union law by member states, the Commission would first notify the offending country that it had failed to carry out its legal obligations and invite it to reply to the allegations.

If the Commission is not satisfied, it initiates the second stage by issuing what is known as a "reasoned opinion", in which the Commission sets out chapter and verse of the alleged infringement, giving the member state a deadline to comply by — usually of two or three months' duration.

If the member state still fails to comply by the allotted deadline, the Commission will start legal action in the court, forcing the member state to fall into line or face the prospect of a heavy fine to be determined by the Commission. Although the Commission has argued for several years that Britain should not check the identities of travellers arriving from ports and airports inside the EU, Britain counterclaims that bona fide EU citizens can only be distinguished from non-EU travellers through passport checks, and that a treaty footnote recognises this.

Even if Britain found itself isolated on the issue, its combination of veto over any proposed EU directive and eventual resort to the EU court would mean that passport officers will continue to staff the booths at Dover and Heathrow for years to come.





The arrest of a suspected illegal immigrant on the M4 near Heathrow. Britain says that such incidents underline the case for internal border checks

Pasqua resists abolition of controls

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRANCE

CAUGHT between a pro-European President and a singularly sceptical Interior Minister, France has long known that the abolition of passport controls is fraught with tension and difficulty.

After more than two years of hesitation, the French Government said last December that it was ready to implement the Schengen agreement and abandon border checks within the European Union. But its grudging acceptance of an accord that was meant to come into effect in January 1993 indicated that the issue still stirs strong emotions in sections of the Cabinet.

Foremost among the sceptics is Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister, whose fight against illegal immigration has been central to his policies since his appointment in 1993. M Pasqua has avoided expressing outright opposition to the abolition of border controls for fear of upsetting President Mitterrand, a keen supporter of Schengen. Yet critics of the Gaullist Interior Minister suspect that he nonetheless wants to subvert the spirit if not the letter of the agreement. In 1993, for instance, tough new anti-immigration measures were introduced in what the Government said was a necessary counterweight to Schengen.

However, implementation was delayed for well over a year because of "technical hitches" with a French-designed computer system that is to contain information on criminals, illegal immigrants and other "undesirables" throughout the Schengen area. Described as a vital element in the policy, this system — known as *SIS* — was given the go-ahead just before Christmas. Almost immediately, M Pasqua found another problem in the allegedly lax attitude of Dutch authorities towards drug traffickers.

"We are very favourable towards Schengen but it has to work," a close adviser to M Pasqua said yesterday. "We have therefore adopted a pragmatic attitude. Schengen must be a plus and not a minus for the EU. If it is a minus, it's obvious that Europe will suffer another blow."

He said that a new 6,200-strong French police force set up last October to lead the fight against "clandestine immigration" would help to plug the gaps that Schengen would inevitably create. So too, he added, would an agreement that French and German police can chase suspects up to almost 20 miles into each other's territory.

Nevertheless, M Pasqua, who finally agreed that Schengen could come into operation at the end of next month, has insisted on a three-month period that he describes as a "trial" and which his more enthusiastic German counterparts describe as an "initial phase".

During this period, passport controls at French borders will be maintained, although those at airports will be abolished. "We want to see whether there is an effective control on Europe's external frontiers to judge whether the system works as we wish," M Pasqua's aide said.

Again, however, critics suspect that the Interior Minister is being less than open. They point out that by the end of the three-month trial, President Mitterrand will have retired and M Pasqua will — or so he hopes — have become Prime Minister, putting him in a strong position to reform the agreement.

Hurd champions European diversity

FROM NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM



Hurd: "Nato and EU must be expanded"

ANY attempt to impose "massive changes" at the inter-governmental conference in 1996 would lead Europe into a "bog", Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday.

He gave a warning that concentrating power in a centralised European Union would be to turn against European geography and history. The priority was expansion of both the Union and Nato, a process that he said "must not lose steam or fall prey to doubt".

In a speech to the Institute of International Relations in Stockholm, Mr Hurd said the present structure of the EU was right, although it could work better. "Some argue that Europe is strengthened by concentrating yet further powers at the centre, by following the model of a United States of Europe," he said. "But to deny the central importance of national governments and national parliaments, to insist on uniformity where geography and history have created diversity — that would be to push too far, to run against the grain of our history and the instincts of our peoples."

Mr Hurd also said: "It would be a huge mistake at the [inter-governmental] conference in 1996 or 1997 for politicians to agree massive changes which were then rejected by national parliaments or people. We should have learned from the experience after Maastricht, which was narrowly rescued from disaster in more than one country. To disregard that lesson would be to leap forward — but into a bog."

The Foreign Secretary, who met Ingvar Carlsson, the Prime Minister, and other Swedish ministers, said the tide of new laws from Brussels had been halved between 1991 and 1994. "We have seen a wider realisation that a Commission which fusses its way into every corner of its citizens' lives is not strengthening those citizens' commitment to the European idea, but risks weakening it," he said. "Today emphasis on subsidiarity, and today's conviction that we need fewer laws, better observed, are things that Britain has fought hard to bring about."

Mr Hurd said that in the next decade, member states must "share the fruits of successful partnership: to extend more widely the benefits of security and prosperity, and to entrench them in our neighbours to the East". This meant the further enlargement of both the EU and Nato. "The process of reaching out must not lose steam. It must not fall prey to doubt."

Gibraltar dispute blocks deal to boost external barriers

BY MICHAEL DYNES

FRONTIERS

PROPOSALS to erect an external barrier against illegal immigrants, drug traffickers and terrorists to compensate for the abolition of internal frontiers are in deadlock, Home Office officials confirmed yesterday.

A draft text of the European Frontiers Convention was agreed by European Union interior ministers in June 1991, but was not signed because of Spanish objections to British territorial claims over Gibraltar.

The creation of the external frontier was further complicated in 1993 following an attempt by the European Commission to link the implementation of the new external frontier with the abolition of internal barriers.

Britain objected to the Commission's initiative on the grounds that external and internal controls are separate issues and must not be linked, because linkage would undermine the Government's determination to retain internal frontier controls.

The frontiers convention, which embraces five broad policy areas, is designed to tighten up external access to the 15 members of the Union.

The five areas are:

☐ **A uniform European Union visa:** A comprehensive list of countries whose citizens would have to obtain a visa before entering any member of the European Union.

☐ **A visa exemption regime:** An exemption for people resident in the European Union who are not citizens, and who want to visit other member states for short periods.

☐ **A three-month short visit visa:** This is designed for people who are not citizens or resident in any EU member state but who want to vist for a short period.

☐ **Prohibited list:** A computerised list of known criminals, terrorists and drug traffickers who have been prohibited entry to any member state.

☐ **Redesign of airports:** The re-configuration of airports throughout the EU to ensure that all domestic and external arrivals are separated.

U-turn on Cambodia aid ruling

London: Britain has rescinded a controversial order insisting that all aid agencies funded by the Government withdraw non-Cambodian personnel from the Cambodian countryside (Michael Binyon writes). The change comes less than two weeks after the original order caused uproar among the 13 British agencies there.

At a meeting yesterday, Tony Baldry, a junior Foreign Office minister, and the Forum on Cambodia of non-governmental organisations agreed that foreign aid workers could remain in the countryside, where several foreigners have been kidnapped and murdered by Khmer Rouge rebels this year, provided there was regular security liaison with the embassy.

Chechenia truce fails to hold

Moscow: The temporary ceasefire in Chechenia was repeatedly broken yesterday by both the Russian and the Chechen sides, but commanders of both forces reaffirmed their commitment to continue with it. Opposing military leaders are due to meet again today in neighbouring Ingushetia to try to expand the present agreement not to use heavy weapons.

In Stockholm, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that the Kremlin's actions in Chechenia were jeopardising support for the process of reform in Russia.

Death sentence for hijacker

Rostov-on-Don: The Azerbaijani ringleader of a gang that took a group of schoolchildren hostage in southern Russia in December 1993 and then tried to escape by helicopter was sentenced to death yesterday. Musa Almamedov, 52, who is seriously ill with tuberculosis, said the sentence was unfair, but accepted it. "Had I been put in prison I would have died there," he told the court here. The other five gang members received sentences of between 10 and 15 years' hard labour for the four-day hijacking. *(Reuter)*

Eight killed in canyon crash

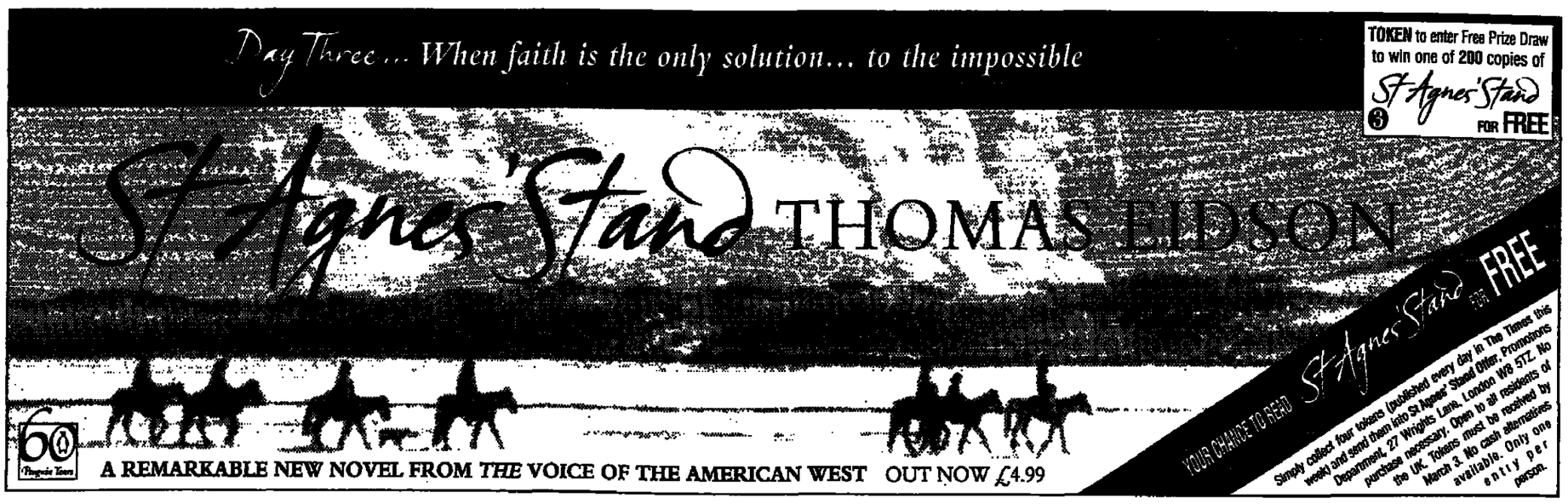
Tusayan, Arizona: The pilot and seven of the ten passengers on a plane flying tourists over the Grand Canyon died when it lost an engine, crashed and caught fire while trying to return to an airport. Rescuers were hindered by rain, thick mud and patchy snow on the back roads of the Ponderosa pine forest south of the canyon, where the twin-engine Piper Navajo flown by Las Vegas Airlines crashed. The two survivors, both women, were critically injured and underwent surgery at nearby hospitals. *(AP)*

Walesa names his candidates

Warsaw: President Walesa, having brought down Poland's left-wing Government, set tough terms yesterday for the man who is trying to form a new administration. A spokesman said the President is insisting that Jozef Oleksy, the prospective Prime Minister, should accept his nominees for the key defence, foreign affairs and interior ministries. *(Reuter)*

Valentines rush to tie the knot

Singapore: Marriage was efficient, if not overly romantic, as more than 1,000 couples celebrated Valentine's Day by tying the knot here. The rush was a result of February 14 coinciding this year with the fifteenth day of the lunar new year, the Chinese equivalent of Valentine's Day. *(AP)*



French isolated in move to build culture barriers

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BORDEAUX

FRENCH attempts to forge new European barriers to American "cultural colonialism" appeared doomed last night after Germany and other main partners joined with Britain's Heritage Secretary in rejecting tighter quotas on imported television shows.

Strong resistance from European Union Culture Ministers meeting in Bordeaux came a day after Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and presidential favourite, proclaimed the protection of Europe's cultural heritage to be one of the main goals of his campaign. Since the start of the French EU presidency last month, French ministers have been painting apocalyptic visions of a fragile Europe ravaged by Hollywood soap operas.

Clearly taken aback by the resistance from north European states to France's protectionist drive, Jacques Toubon, its Culture Minister, last night delivered an impassioned harangue against the "squeamish" attitude of the British and other ministers who rejected protectionist measures. "Europe is not just about quotas on cars or our ability to make and sell aeroplanes," he said. "I asked my colleagues, 'Don't you want Europe to exist culturally, even to exist at all?'" M Toubon vowed to fight on.

The Gaullist Culture Minister faced an uphill struggle in Bordeaux trying to win support mainly for toughening the so-called Television sans Frontières (TSF) directive, which sets a voluntary limit of 50 per cent on broadcasting of non-EU programmes.

As expected, Stephen Dorrell, Britain's Heritage Secretary, led the opposition to the French attempt to use the law to shore up *les oeuvres audiovisuelles communautaires*. He was supported in varying degrees by Sweden, Denmark, The Netherlands and Ireland. The surprise was Germany, which proclaimed *that quotas had no place in* regulating what people watched. "We do not have a European car, we don't have a European train ... I don't see why there should be a European film," Helmut Schaefer of Germany told reporters.

M Toubon singled out Britain for scathing attack, wondering why London rejected the notion of quotas when the BBC far exceeded the minimum of domestically produced programming prescribed by the TSF directive of 1989. "If they already do it voluntarily, why do they refuse to follow me?"

A Danish Government official gave the alternative view as M Toubon looked on. "We think quotas are for fishery policy and not for culture. Culture is something special and we don't see any evidence that quotas give any benefit."

Only the Greeks appeared fully to support the French view, British officials said. "The weight of opinion is heavily against the tightening of quotas," Mr Dorrell said.

Complicating the quota issue is the explosion of entertainment sources with satellites and new multimedia services. In its crusade to hold back what they see as the stifling power of the Americans, France wants urgent action to curb American firms which are "pillaging" the museums of Europe for distribution on CD-ROM discs.

"We will be in a position of being digitally colonised," M Toubon said. "We will be like the Ivory Coast which sells its cocoa to France in order to buy it back as chocolate ... We must say to our museums: 'Don't accept the digitalisation of your images proposed by Apple or Microsoft'."

While Britain, Germany and the north European states favour programmes to stimulate the European mutlimedia industry, they reject all such French notions of imposing protective barriers.

Claret kings suffer case of sour grapes

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRENCH wine producers have reacted furiously to an American-led attempt to rewrite a 140-year-old classification of some of their most prestigious Bordeaux.

The "reclassification", conducted by a jury in San Francisco, has prompted talk of treachery and war among the chateau owners of south-west France. Yet most experts accept that some kind of reform was needed.

In 1855 Napoleon III asked for a list of the finest Bordeaux, a request that resulted in five being given the label Premier Cru: Lafite-Rothschild, Margaux, Latour, Haut-Brion and Yquem. A further 57 wines were labelled second to 5th cru.

Since then various French Governments have passed decrees classifying other Bordeaux that had been ignored in 1855: 12 St Emilions were awarded the Premier Cru label in 1969, as was Mouton-Rothschild in 1973.

The reclassification was organised by Gordon Getty, the millionaire, and Robert Finigan of the American magazine *Wines and Spirits*. For four days in January, some of the world's leading wine experts, including Serena Sutcliffe of Sotheby's, sat in a San Francisco hotel, tasting and discussing and finally producing a new list that has just been made public.

Inevitably, there were some shocks for world of French viticulture. The most celebrated names — wines such as Latour and Lafite — were pushed out of the top three by other Bordeaux: Pichon-Longueville finished first, Lynch-Bages second and Haut Brion third.

The result has been outrage. As the French newspaper *Libération* pointed out, the 1855 classification may be flawed but it is seen as a "historic monument".

All of the Bordeaux vineyards were destroyed in the phylloxera epidemic of 1863, just eight years after the classification. Ironically, they were replanted with vines from California, the only ones that were phylloxera-resistant.



An addict injects heroin beside the barbed wire at Zurich's notorious "Needle Park" after the area was fenced off in a police crackdown. Switzerland yesterday attempted a fresh start in dealing with its thousands of drugs addicts after closing the park where junkies and dealers from all over Europe had been free to trade and use heroin and cocaine (Sharmila Devi writes). At its height, up to 4,000 addicts would descend on the Letten Banhof stretch of disused railway track while to buy, sell and inject drugs, while the state turned a blind eye. Health workers estimated that every other day at least one addict would die from an overdose.

A nationwide programme to arrest dealers, forcibly return Swiss addicts to their home cantons and deport foreign addicts culminated with yesterday's midnight deadline for all junkies to clear the area. The deadline passed without incident.

A wider debate is now raging on how Switzerland should proceed to deal with addicts, prostitutes and others on the fringe of society. The city of Bern has announced it will double its experimental heroin distribution programme to reach up to 1,000 hardened addicts.

Now that Letten is fenced off, street prices are expected to rise. When the Swiss cracked down in 1992 on the original "Needle Park" near Zurich's city museum, prices rose sharply. This has provided further ammunition for the sizeable minority who argue for at least limited decriminalisation of drugs to remove the profit motive for dealers and to reduce drug-related crime.

Swiss seek new drugs policy after 'Needle Park' crackdown

America opposes four-nation peace plan for Bosnia

BY MARTIN FLETCHER AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE Clinton Administration is opposing a new plan drawn up by the five-nation Contact Group in a last-ditch effort to resolve the Bosnian conflict.

The plan envisages the suspension of all economic sanctions against Serbia in exchange for Serbia recognising all new Balkan states, accepting the Contact Group's proposed territorial division of Bosnia, and ending all support for the Bosnian Serbs.

President Milosevic of Serbia would also have to endorse the so-called Z-4 peace plan for Croatia under which Croatian Serbs would be given wide autonomy in return for recognising Croatia's territorial integrity.

Britain, France, Russia and Germany broadly support the plan, which the Contact Group was discussing in Paris yesterday and the French want to present to a three-way summit involving the presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia.

But the Clinton Administration fears that suspending all sanctions would enable Serbia to rebuild itself and then renege on its commitments, and that such a large concession to Mr Milosevic would arouse strong congressional opposition.

A memorandum leaked in Washington yesterday suggested that America would push a "more conservative alternative" under which certain sanctions against Serbia would be temporarily lifted but not those involving strategic goods such as oil, coal, iron, steel, chemicals, financial loans and various means of transportation.

It is doubtful whether Mr Milosevic would accept even the broader plan, because that would be tantamount to renouncing his vision of a Greater Serbia. But if he did show interest Washington would come under considerable international pressure to relent in order to achieve a negotiated settlement. Croatia has threatened to expel all 12,000 Unprofor peacekeeping troops from its territory by the end of March, a move that could well lead to a new war between Croatian government forces and Croatian Serb separatists.

The four-month ceasefire in Bosnia ends on May 1, when better weather will make heavy fighting possible again and Congress is threatening unilaterally to lift the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims. Such a drastic move would cause a profound rift with America's Nato allies and undermine the UN.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said yesterday that hundreds and possibly thousands of people in Bosnia's Bihac pocket could soon die of starvation unless Serb forces allowed relief convoys through. It said requests to the UN and Nato for air drops of food to the beleaguered enclave had so far been turned down because of the threat from Serb anti-aircraft batteries.

"We don't know of anyone who has starved to death yet but it's certainly possible in the very near future if this [Serb blockade] continues," Ron Redmond, the UNHCR spokesman, told a news briefing in Geneva. "We demand to be given access to help these innocent people."

In Sarajevo a UNHCR official said a ten-lorry convoy due to have left Zagreb for Bihac on Monday had not been given clearance by the Bosnian Serbs so would not go.

"They are stringing us along," Mr Redmond said in a reference to the Bosnian Serb authorities in their headquarters, Pale, and the Croatian Serb leadership in Knin in Serb-held Croatia.

"Ultimately, responsibility rests with those who are blocking us ... it would be an absolute horror for the international community to see these people starve," he said.

Jail lifts penalty on Tyson

New York: Mike Tyson, the former world heavyweight boxing champion, has had his original release date of March 25 reinstated, a prison department spokeswoman told the *Indianapolis Star*.

Tyson, 28, was sentenced to six years in jail after he was convicted in February 1992 of raping Desiree Washington, a contestant in a beauty competition. His release date was put back to May 9 after he was disciplined in May 1992 for threatening a guard and disorderly conduct at the Indiana Youth Centre in Plainfield.

Pam Pattison, the spokeswoman, said that the commissioner in charge had decided that Tyson's misconduct was likely to have been caused by difficulties in adjusting to prison. Since then, Tyson was said to have been a model prisoner. *(Reuter)*

Former Nazi poison firm loses land claim

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE successor of Nazi Germany's poison gas maker has had its hopes dashed of reclaiming some prime property in the centre of Berlin.

Germany's Federal Administrative Court has ruled against the IG Farben company and hundreds of other claimants, including descendants of the Prussian aristocracy and suspected Nazi collaborators, who said that they had rights to confiscated land currently valued at about £16 billion.

The verdict ends one of the most bitter of Germany's post-unification legal battles and will speed up construction work on Berlin sites, such as the Potsdamerplatz, which has been held up because of uncertain land ownership.

Under the terms of the 1990 German unification treaty, owners of property confiscated by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945, and by East German communists between 1949 and 1990, could claim compensation for restitution. There was an exception: property confiscated by the Soviet administration which governed East Germany until October 1949 was not considered a German liability. This included the natural targets of Soviet commissars such as Prussian landowners.

IG Farben — now a mere shell company — had its property confiscated because of its close involvement with the Nazi movement. The chemicals company helped to fund the Nazi party and produced, among other war materials, the Zyklon B gas used in concentration camps to kill millions of people. The successor company had claimed that it was entitled to 130,000 sq metres (32 acres) of property in Berlin.

Chiapas offensive called off by Mexico

BY DAVID ADAMS

PRESIDENT ZEDILLO of Mexico yesterday abandoned a controversial five-day-old military offensive in the rebellious southern state of Chiapas. He announced the surprise decision at a meeting of indigenous groups in Mexico City and said he had ordered the army not to "provoke armed confrontation" with the Zapatista rebels, who launched an uprising in January last year.

In an earlier conciliatory move, Eduardo Robledo, the ruling party Governor of Chiapas, stepped down in what he said was a contribution to peace efforts. His resignation was likely to help ease tensions in the state after the Government began its offensive to capture Zapatista leaders.

"Today I am giving precise instructions to the Attorney-General's Office and the Mexican Army that they do not carry out any action which may provoke armed confrontation [in Chiapas]," Señor Zedillo said. "The Mexican Army will not take any offensive action and will restrict itself to patrols aimed at preventing acts of violence," he added. The Zapatistas had demanded Señor Robledo's resignation as a precondition for peace talks with the Zedillo Government. Observers assume that Señor Robledo was forced to resign after pressure from Señor Zedillo, who has been under growing criticism for ordering the assault on Chiapas.

Independent election observers backed allegations of widespread fraud by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party in the state elections last August. Señor Robledo took office in December but has since been challenged by a rival rebel transition administration, which claims that the opposition left-wing Democratic Revolutionary Party won the election.

Amada Avendano, the Revolutionary Party candidate, is the popular editor of a local newspaper in the town of San Cristóbal de las Casas. Señor Avendano and his followers have strongly opposed government efforts to crush the Zapatistas and support the civil rights and property claims of the state's landless indigenous majority.

Señor Robledo called on Mgr Samuel Ruiz, the Bishop of San Cristóbal de las Casas, who has mediated during the rebellion but was recently accused of having links to the Zapatistas, to resign as well to show "that his true interest was always that of Chiapas".

The rebels launched their insurgency last year to demand basic rights and services for the impoverished Indian peasants of the southern state. More than 145 people were killed before a ceasefire was declared.

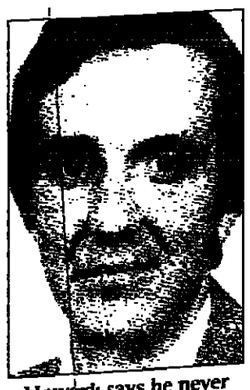
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María Guevara, an alleged Zapatista commander, listens as a prosecutor in Mexico City reads charges against her

CIA traitor tells of return from Russia for love

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON



Howard: says he never spied for the Kremlin

EDWARD LEE HOWARD, the CIA traitor, claims in a new memoir that he slipped back into the United States nine months after fleeing to Moscow in September 1985.

Howard says he returned because he wanted to speak to his wife before announcing his defection. Before he saw her, however, he met a "KGB contact" in a park in an eastern American city who showed him classified Justice Department and FBI reports. These said the US Government considered his wife a trusted informant who would immediately report any attempt by him to contact her.

This was a "terrible, crushing disappointment", Howard writes in *Safe House*, obtained by *The Washington Post* before its publication next month. He decided that "the only way that I would ever see my family again was to return to Moscow, defect and invite them to openly visit me".

Howard describes the "KGB contact" who showed him the papers only as a man in jogging clothes who was "obviously not a Russian". According to the *Post*, the FBI is now trying to establish whether Howard's story is true, in which case there must be another Russian mole operating inside the Government.

He also says that he was identified as a spy by Vitali Yurchenko, the KGB defector, in August 1985 in order to deflect attention from Aldrich Ames, the CIA spy who has admitted he began passing classified information to Moscow two months earlier. The colonel "redefected" back to Moscow at the end of 1985, so Howard's book reopens the question of whether his initial defection was genuine, or merely contrived to feed false information to the CIA and the FBI. Howard denies spying for Moscow, but the newspaper quotes officials who say they did not believe Howard's explanation of Colonel Yurchenko's actions.

Howard was dismissed by the CIA for poor conduct in 1983 and settled in New Mexico. He foiled agents sent to arrest him after he had been exposed by the colonel, and later turned up in Moscow. He claims he spent months preparing for his clandestine return to America, acquiring a false passport and receiving KGB training in "how to handle border crossings and police questioning".

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Hekmatyar forced to flee by army of student radicals

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS, SOUTH ASIA CORRESPONDENT

A NEWLY formed army of Islamic students capped its stunning advance through Afghanistan yesterday by overrunning a key rebel base south of Kabul, placing it within striking distance of the capital. This has overturned all military and political equations in the shattered country.

The army of young radicals captured Charasyab, 15 miles south of Kabul, the headquarters of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the Pashtun extremist who has relentlessly shelled the city in an attempt to seize power from the Tajik factions that hold it. Mr Hekmatyar fled so fast he left behind personal property, including clothes and papers. He is believed to have set up a new headquarters in the town of Sarobi, 35 miles east of Kabul.

He said government jets had pounded Charasyab while Taleban, the student army, and government forces mounted a land attack. His spokesman admitted that heavy equipment had been abandoned in the flight. "The situation is very, very bad."

At least 15,000 people have died in Kabul since the collapse of the communist Government in 1992, most of them from Mr Hekmatyar's shells. One of the world's largest refugee camps, with 750,000 people, has grown up east of the capital near Jalalabad.

Food convoys from the United Nations and the Red Crescent began pouring into the city a few days ago after Taleban opened a supply route from the south. That brought rare hope to a city struggling to survive cold, hunger and war. Most of Logar province south of Kabul is now in Taleban's hands, the ninth of Afghanistan's 30



provinces to fall to the mysterious group. A third of the country is under its control.

Taleban, formed only six months ago, rose out of Afghan refugees studying in Islamic schools in neighbouring Pakistan, from which it doubtless receives much of its funding. It has drawn admiration both from Islamabad and Washington for its crusade against the drugs trade, which has funded fighting between rival warlords. Afghanistan is one of the world's largest producers of raw opium.

A multiparty council involving former Mujahidin fighters is due to assume power on Monday from President Rabbani under a United Nations peace plan. There will be a question mark over the plan, however, until it becomes clear whether Taleban intends to try to take Kabul forcibly. So far, it has refused to have anything to do with the former Mujahidin.

Taleban has not lost a battle since beginning its relentless march through the country, but it now faces the formidable Kabul defence forces lead by Ahmad Shah Masood, a Tajik warlord with an impressive record of military victories. His men seized Kabul after the communist Government fell.

The Afghan Defence Ministry said the Government controlled almost all areas around the city except territory held by Hezb-i-Wahadat, a Shia group, where fighting was continuing. The group had been guaranteed safe passage if it abandoned its enclave of Karte Seh in the southwest of the city. The Government also claimed to have recaptured Kunduz, 150 miles north of Kabul, from the forces of the Uzbek warlord, General Abdul Rashid Dostum, a former Government ally who switched sides just over a year ago.

"Although the Taleban are getting very close to Kabul, we don't believe they will try to attack," the Defence Ministry said. "We believe we can work with them," it said.

Taleban has pledged to "cleanse Afghanistan in the name of Islam". Its success seems to be due in large measure to popular support among Afghans who are sick of factional fighting.



Gulbuddin Hekmatyar: thousands have died in his campaign to take Kabul

Wall Street put on terror alert over shaikh bomb trial

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

WALL STREET has been put on a terrorism alert after informers told police that Muslim extremists were planning to "strike at the heart of American capitalism" and may be targeting one of New York's stock exchanges.

At least two informants are reported to have warned of a revenge attack to coincide with the trial of the radical Egyptian cleric Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman and 11 of his followers on terrorism conspiracy charges in New York. The attack was apparently ordered in January and is to take place before the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan on March 2.

Law enforcement sources quoted by *New York Newsday* described the tips as "uncomfortably credible".

Police have met business leaders in the lower Manhattan financial district and circulated a memorandum warning Wall Street firms to keep their buildings under "constant scrutiny". Extra police officers have been assigned to patrol the Wall Street area and traffic has been restricted near the New York Stock Exchange.

Prosecutors in the case against Shaikh Afel-Rahman and his followers have compiled a list of 172 possible terrorist suspects living in the New York area. The authorities describe the men as "unindicted persons who may be alleged as co-conspirators" and have handed the names to the judge in the terrorism conspiracy trial.

Among those on the list is the Sudan's mission to the United Nations, on implicated in a plan to bomb the United Nations headquarters.

Meanwhile, Kurait has provided new information on the mysterious man accused of masterminding the World Trade Centre bombing in 1993, Ramzi Ahmed Kuwait's Interior Minister, Sad Yousef, who was captured in Pakistan last week and flown to the United States to face charges, was a former Kuwaiti resident who helped Iraqi forces during the Gulf War. The Foreign Office in London says he studied at Swansea University.

Teenage mother flogged in public

BY CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

A BANGLADESHI girl of 17 has been given 110 lashes in public with a bamboo cane for allegedly having an illegitimate child. The incident is the latest in a rising trend of floggings by self-appointed Islamic courts that have no legal standing. However, the Government in Dhaka is wary of the power of the clergy and reluctant to intervene.

The village headman and *fatwabaz* (mullahs who interpret religious matters) imposed the sentence on Lili Begum at Tembulpur village, in northern Bangladesh, according to *Ittefaq*, a Bengali daily newspaper. The daughter of a labourer, she became pregnant by a man who refused to marry her. The entire village turned out to watch the flogging.

She had married another man while pregnant but the mullahs forced her husband to divorce her.

Islamic clerics are becoming increasingly assertive in applying their interpretations of Sharia (Islamic law). Clerics wield their power in remote villages where most people are illiterate and there is little or no police activity.

Women's rights groups estimate that at least 48 women have died in recent years after being convicted of violating Sharia. Most committed suicide rather than face humiliation. "It is difficult to get a clear picture because many incidents occur in remote villages and the victims do not report to police for fear of reprisals," said Ayesha Khanam, a women's rights activist.

There is rising tension between fundamentalist clerics and voluntary agencies that promote literacy, healthcare and family planning in rural Bangladesh. Some foreign aid organisations run projects to provide women with employment, bringing them into conflict with clergymen. Some fundamentalist mullahs are demanding the expulsion of all foreign aid workers.

About 1,400 schools for women were vandalised by fundamentalists last year, and women working for voluntary agencies were declared social outcasts. Husbands have been forced to divorce women who received money or healthcare from the agencies. Women's groups have staged protests against punishments which have been imposed by clerics in "kangaroo courts".

WORLD SUMMARY

Bhutto decries sentence

Islamabad: Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, said she was "shocked and unhappy" about the death sentence imposed on a 14-year-old Christian boy for blaspheming Islam. The country's Christians, who staged a fast on Sunday, called for a second hunger strike a week today.

The Lahore High Court will today hear an appeal by the two Christians, officials said. Salamat Masih and his uncle, Rehmat Masih, 40, were sentenced to death for throwing paper containing blasphemous words into a mosque. At the time of the incident, Salamat was 11, and said to be illiterate. *(AFP)*

Anti-Islamic activist killed

Dhaka: Debashish Bhattacharya, an anti-Islamic student activist, was pulled from a bus and shot dead by unidentified assailants as more than 50 other passengers looked on in horror, Bangladeshi police said.

The attack happened outside Rajshahi University, 120 miles northwest of Dhaka, a day after two Islamic student activists were killed on the campus during a gunfight with supporters of Begum Khalida Zia, the Prime Minister. No one had yet been arrested, the police said.

Ecuador agrees truce with Peru

Lima: Peru and Ecuador agreed a ceasefire in their 19-day border conflict but both claimed control of three disputed frontier posts in the Amazon. President Fujimori said that the Peruvian Government had declared a ceasefire due to take effect at noon yesterday and Ecuador later accepted it. Peru claimed to have taken Cueva do los Tayos, Base Sur and Tiwinza, but Ecuador said it had not lost any posts. *(Reuter)*

Claim sunk

Marseilles: The French Federation of Underwater Sport and Studies has refused to recognise that Guy Delage swam across the Atlantic, saying that currents and wind played a bigger part in his achievement. It took him 55 days to reach Barbados after setting out from the Cape Verde Islands. *(AFP)*

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Families of Islamic suicide bombers 'should be deported'

Sharon calls for terror purge

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN TEL AVIV

ARIEL SHARON, the former Israeli Defence Minister and prominent member of the main right-wing Likud opposition party, yesterday outlined a draconian plan for dealing with Islamic terrorism, including the deportation of the families of Palestinian suicide bombers and helicopter assaults on the newly autonomous Gaza Strip.

"The families of these 'human bombs' should be brought from the Palestinian-controlled areas or those we control and deported to Lebanon or to Sudan, where there are Palestinians now training with Hamas [the Islamic Resistance Movement]," Mr Sharon said. "They could also be taken to other places where Hamas train. There are many possibilities. Let us start with the close families. I am sure that will bother them."

Mr Sharon, speaking as opinion polls showed a huge swing to the Right in advance of the general election next year, emphasised that Israel should immediately abandon the peace process, which even the Labour Government admits now has only 35 per cent public support, and launch an operation to "eliminate" leading members of groups such as Islamic Jihad and Hamas. He hinted that under Likud, Israel would take action abroad against leaders such as Fathi Shkaki, of Islamic Jihad, who gloated in interviews at his Syrian headquarters about last month's attack at Netanyu, in which 21 Jews were killed and 62 wounded. "The main target is not the boys," Mr Sharon said. "The problem is how to deal with those who convince them, those who preach to them, those who betray them."



Sharon: may have election deal with Likud leader

In an angry 90-minute interview, Mr Sharon claimed that intelligence existed to show that Yassir Arafat, the head of the new Palestinian National Authority, had "expressed joy" over reports that Jews were being killed in suicide attacks. Such operations have killed 50 Jews since October.

The burly reserve general, still regarded as a potential saviour by many blue-collar workers, outlined a security plan that is likely to cause unease among Western governments anxious to maintain the peace accord signed in Washington 17 months ago. He emphasised that the Israeli Government would have to seize back the right to "hot pursuit" in areas under Palestinian self-rule and to pre-emptive action, which he said had been surrendered by Yitzhak Rabin, the Labour Prime Minister.

"I am not going to give a lesson in anti-terror warfare," said Mr Sharon, 66, a consistent opponent of the peace deal. "But you can take it for granted that there is a possibility to bring this terror to an end, or to reduce it to such a degree that life could be normal again. We are paying the price for the past seven years, when the steps which should have been taken were ignored."

Mr Sharon said he was reconsidering his challenge to divide the Right, which he made last May when he declared his candidature for the post of Prime Minister, which will be elected directly for the first time next year. "It is too early to say whether I will be standing," he said, sparking speculation that he has done a deal with Benjamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader, which will grant him a top post in any right-wing administration. Mr Netanyahu is 22 years younger than Mr Sharon.

"Because of the weakness of the Government, the terrorists in Gaza have been allowed to feel victorious," Mr Sharon said, referring to recent television pictures that have shocked the Jewish public. "If the heads of Hamas are allowed to meet openly, dancing on the Israeli flag, armed and with the leaders preaching to kill more Jews, that is exactly the right moment that somebody should come there. They should be shown that things like that are not done."

Mr Sharon said there should be a larger Israeli security sweep in Gaza and Jericho, in which house-to-house searches for arms would be mounted and "wanted terrorists" taken back to Israel for trial. "Mr Arafat should be asked to join in. If he does not wish to, his forces should be confined to barracks while the operation is in progress."

Asked if he was concerned that such action would destroy the Israeli-PLO accord, Mr Sharon said: "This agreement is supposed to provide security, but if instead it brings bloodshed and many more casualties, who needs this peace?"



President Mandela watches as South Africa's most powerful court begins business. It is to debate the death penalty today

Mandela wins an apology from his wife

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

WINNIE MANDELA has sent a second letter to President Mandela, her estranged husband, containing a full apology for appearing to criticise his Government. Mr Mandela had rejected an earlier letter as inadequate.

Mrs Mandela, a deputy minister, said in her second letter: "I would like to apologise most sincerely for the impression the speech caused that I sought to condemn the Government. If such criticism ... were intended, I could not have excluded myself ... "

Mrs Mandela accused the Government of failing to redress the inequities of apartheid when she spoke last week at the Soweto funeral of a black police warrant officer shot by white colleagues.

The President's office, announcing that Mr Mandela had accepted the apology, said that he "views in a serious light any acts of commission or omission, on the part of government officials, which convey an image of disregard or disrespect for the policies and decisions of the Government. In accordance with the fundamental principle of Cabinet collective responsibility, should this happen, now and in the future, the President shall not hesitate to act firmly against any transgressors".

Bowing to her husband's anger, Mrs Mandela said in her letter that "I would also like to reaffirm my commitment to the concept and practice of collective responsibility ... and, on this basis, am prepared to serve the Government loyally ... I sincerely regret any embarrassment that the speech might have caused the President and the Government as a whole and therefore accept this censure which the delivery of the speech at the funeral occasioned."

Her first letter to the president merely said it had not been her intention to insult or embarrass President Mandela or the Government.

Although this second letter closes the argument over her speech, Mrs Mandela is still beset by controversy. The resignation of 11 executive members of the African National Congress Women's League in protest at her dictatorial attitude as president has still to be resolved. Other accusations of her using her ministerial position to advance the career of her daughter Zinzi as a concert promoter, or the questions surrounding the disappearance of 500,000 rands presented by Benazir Bhutto on behalf of the Pakistan Government at a Women's League function are also still outstanding.

Mr Mandela has long been forgiving of his wife's behaviour, but he has now drawn a line which all ministers in his government must be careful not to overstep.

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New court for life and death

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN

PRESIDENT MANDELA yesterday officially inaugurated South Africa's first constitutional court, the most powerful court in the land, able to overrule parliament or any court or official contravening the Bill of Fundamental Rights contained in the interim constitution.

With its opening, the country has taken a big step away from Westminster-style democracy to a state in which the constitution is the highest law. A new constitution is being written by the Constitutional Assembly in Cape Town, but it too may not contravene the more than 30 binding principles in the present version. The final constitution will be judged by the new court.

With a touch of drama, President Mandela recalled: "The last time I was in court was to hear whether I was going to be sentenced to death." Judge Arthur Chaskalson, the president of the new court, was a defence counsel for Mr Mandela and his co-defendants then at the so-called Rivonia trial in which they were all found guilty and jailed for life.

The court will begin its work today when it debates a claim that the death penalty is unconstitutional since the Bill of Fundamental Rights proclaims a right to life.

Mr Mandela, declaring that he spoke this time "on behalf of the people of South Africa", urged the 12 justices, two of them women, four of them black: "We expect you to be creative and independent, not another rubber stamp."

Unrest marks first anniversary of Hebron massacre

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ONE Palestinian was shot dead and seven others wounded yesterday by Israeli troops during widespread unrest in the occupied West Bank to mark the first anniversary by the Islamic calendar of the massacre in the Hebron mosque of 29 Arabs by Baruch Goldstein, the Jewish settler.

A general strike was declared in Hebron and other Arab cities, and in violent scenes reminiscent of the intifada Palestinian youths rioted against the unusually heavy Israeli security presence. A red alert was also declared throughout Israel proper, including Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, in anticipation of more revenge attacks by Islamic suicide bombers.

Left-wing Israeli politicians expressed outrage at plans by supporters of Goldstein to hold a memorial service tomorrow at his grave in the Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba overlooking Hebron. In the year since his death, it has become a place of national pilgrimage for members of the Israeli far right. Some visitors place their palms on Goldstein's headstone and others stop to light a candle. Chairs are on hand for the many worshippers, and prayers are said twice daily.

"People come to the grave seeking to be healed because they know he was a holy man who gave up his life for others," said one visitor to the site yesterday. "He was simply a saint, really like an angel," said a woman. "When he was killed, it was a terrible loss to the Jewish people."

As posters advertising the service were stuck on walls in Hebron, Ahron Friedberg, a member of the elected council of the settlement which is home to 6,000 Jews, said: "There will be a gathering at his grave. We will chant psalms and hold a study session and a memorial. Friends and public officials will reminisce about Dr Baruch Goldstein — may his memory be blessed." Mr Friedberg said he was preparing a commemorative album about Goldstein, who was born in New York, focusing on his "good deeds" as a doctor.

Since the massacre, the Israeli Army has turned the city into a fortress and instituted new security measures at the Cave of the Patriarchs, built over the graves of Abraham, Jacob and Isaac, where the shooting took place on February 25 last year.

Awani Natche, a Hebron resident who lost two cousins in the massacre, said Arabs had been made to pay a heavy price for the atrocity. "I do not feel as though I am living in a land of peace, but in a huge jail."

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Trixie Trouble is best dealt with in a large community with plenty of healthy competition, not left to her own devices on an island 22 miles out in the Atlantic

When sex is not worth the trouble

IT WAS pretty difficult yesterday to keep the wayward mind focused upon Mr Blair's new deal for women, and the proposal for every law to face Gender Impact Assessment. Elsewhere in the news lay accounts of Gender Impacts so violent they make the eyes water.

For one thing, snookums-wookums and bunnywunny were given a whole new twist by the research saying that the majority of Valentine small-ads are placed by men in their middle years and second marriages: poor devils, reduced to infantilism by gender impact as powerful as a ten-ton truck.

But even more striking was the tale of the Lundy Island barmaid, young Cait Scanlon, whose arrival in the community of 12 led to the separation of its to- citizen from his wife, a sacking, Cait's own admission to hospital with an apparent overdose, and a ferment of rumour including the suggestion that seven island residents left because she said their star signs were wrong.

Clearly, someone slipped up in their initial assessment of the Gender Impact of Ms Scanlon. It is ironic that on an island where every biological introduction is carefully assessed for its effect on the wildlife, nobody thought to consider what one flaky redhead might do to the delicate human ecology. It was Mrs Puddy, the eventually betrayed wife, who actually interviewed Ms Scanlon for the job. "I thought," she says now, in the authentic tones of a nice woman, "that she was very vivacious and pretty and would bring some life to the island." Like all of us daughters of feminism, she no doubt scorned the idea of screening fellow-women for signs of being "trouble" in that particular, old-fashioned sense. We don't think in that insulting way any more, do we? Nor do we tell our daughters to dress carefully and exercise reserve with older, married men. We despise the old, prudish wisdoms and briskly refuse to classify any sister as what our aunts called "a right little Trixie Trouble".



LIBBY PURVES

Neither the residents of Lundy nor its managers seem to have allowed themselves, at any stage, the politically incorrect reflection that a willowy, palely beautiful redhead might be an awkward import in a lonely island over the long, long winter.

Which is terrific for women. Nobody wants girls to be penalised for being pretty. It is always depressing when Sir Peregrine Worsthorne and other Garrick bar-flies defend the exclusion of women on the ground that "rather beautiful actresses" might join and "disturb" the members. But grievous though it is to admit it, some people of both sexes possess such a chaotic, eccentric personal fascination that they are best diluted in a large community with plenty of healthy competition. Not dropped, like lighted fireworks, into otherwise peaceful settings. Ms Scanlon's beauty, after all, was not the only pointer. It transpires that she dresses only in black and green and believes fervently in astrology. Now a small community might readily absorb a plain, stout mystic, or a beauty with a consuming passion for ornithology and a wardrobe of anoraks. But why court trouble? On a rock-bound island where middle-aged men may be approaching their snookums-wookums age?

Such earthy cynicism sounds appalling when you spell it out. It is not only young women who can get regarded with a jaundiced eye. I was shocked to my depths, years ago, when I briefly took on the editorship of a society magazine and was offered an advice session by a famous veteran woman editor. After much useful stuff about making the staff do their own jobs instead of interfering with everyone else's, the old lady looked consideringly at me across her bare, chic desk. "One last thing," she said. "You won't pay any attention to this, you'll think I'm terrible, but I'm going to say it anyway. *Watch your chromosome count!*" I looked blank. "Don't," she explained, "have too many gay men in any one department. I mean it. They're creative, lovely people, marvellous. But too many together, and you've got bedlam." My Art Room, she observed, badly needed pruning.

Of course, I paid no attention. I thought it disgraceful to classify individual human beings so crudely. We shall not dwell on the aftermath, but it must be admitted I thought of the old bat more than once during the subsequent months. A small office is not unlike an island. The odd sexual magnet or maverick New Ager can be absorbed, but you need a good solid shock-absorbent layer around them. A layer of Venture-Scout types who mate for life, tuck their pyjama jackets in, and who, on seeing a crystal, do not hang it on their heaving bosoms but merely look it up in their *Observer's Guide to Geology* and put a neat, roundhand sticky label on it. Hire a dozen today. You know it makes sense.

Why Lord Cairns left SG Warburg

Far too nice for the job

The ousting of Lord Cairns as chief executive of the City's leading independent merchant bank, SG Warburg, has not only thrown the company into turmoil, but signalled the end of an era in British banking.

Some insiders feel that Lord Cairns' fall was due to overextension of the company before an attempted merger. One suggested that "perhaps he needed to be a tougher and nastier character then, when everybody wanted to spend money and expand".

But "tough and nasty" have never been words associated with the banker who likes "a bit of shooting" as much as mucking out his pigs and playing real tennis. He counts the Prince of Wales among his intimates (his Wiltshire home was bought from Andrew and Camilla Parker Bowles), but is not above working for the underprivileged of Britain and the Third World.

Lord Cairns was the aristocratic investment banker of Merchant Ivory's wildest dreams. His great-grandfather was Disraeli's Lord Chancellor and became the first Earl Cairns at a time when the family motto — "I flourish" — could not have been more apposite. The present Lord's wedding to debutante Amanda Heathcoat-Amory filled the society pages in 1964, and in 1990, soon after taking the title, he became keeper of the purse for the Duchy of Cornwall, where the Duchy's fortunes have flourished under his management.

Born in 1939, he went to Ludgrove preparatory school — presently favoured by Princes William and Harry — and then Eton. After that came Trinity College, Cambridge, which accepted him without concern for A levels or entrance exams, and were rewarded with his "gentleman's" 2:2.

Despite his relaxed approach to life, he soon rose to the top in the capitalist cut-and-thrust of the City. It was the Warburg chairman, Sir David Scholey, who persuaded him to move from stockbroking to banking in 1979. Despite his responsibilities in high finance, he took on the post of treasurer to the homeless charity Shelter in the 1970s, and was appointed a



Family motto: "I flourish"

CBE in 1992 for his services as chairman of Voluntary Service Overseas.

By all accounts he is modest and unacquisitive ("possessions on the whole are a bore"). And despite being as high up the echelons of British society as is possible without being royal, he very rarely uses his title, preferring his first name, Simon. His success in banking was always put down to his gentleness, mild manners and patrician cool.

But those qualities — impressive though they were to many a company chairman — cut no ice on the international stage and, when things started to crumble, failed to enthuse the Warburg staff. He is gone. From here on in it is red braces and Vodafones all the way.

GILES COREN

Creating Mr Cleansman

Jürgen Klinsmann arrived at Tottenham to howls of mockery — now he is a hero. How did he do it?

Jürgen Klinsmann did not send any Valentines this year. "It wasn't a matter of forgetting," he says a shade testily. "I knew it was the practice here, but I just didn't do it." He did not receive any either — or at least, just the predictable stack of as yet uncounted ones from ardent female Tottenham Hotspur fans.

His mail has reached such mountainous proportions since he arrived in England last autumn that he no longer even looks at it. Polite acknowledgements and signed photos are sent out by a secretary: "I've found a way to manage it smoothly," he says with satisfaction.

The striker whose fluidity and flair on the pitch and uncommonly articulate utterances off it have given us this season's British sporting hero, Made in Germany, is a rather bloodless proposition in the flesh. His face, gloriously alive with aggression and exuberance during the game, seems closed down, as if to preserve precious energy. The milky-blue eyes are wary, complexion surprisingly sallow for a player at the peak of condition, without a known vice to his name.

Klinsmann's off-pitch assets are now part of footballing lore. He speaks four languages and is more articulate in English than many of his native Tottenham colleagues. He goes backpacking on his holidays, supports ecological causes and drives an aged VW Beetle rather than the promotional BMW offered him.

The man whose arrival at Spurs was greeted by fans wearing rubber masks and imitating Luftwaffe planes in a recondite tease of his reputation for "diving" (feigning being tripped, in order to secure a booking for the opposition, or a penalty for his own side) and a hostile popular press tutting over his salary of about £30,000 a month, fills sold-out stadiums with choruses of "Ooh-aah, wunderbar".

Of course, the inspired football has melted the hardest hearts. He is not just a goal-machine, but a charming, exhilarating performer who plays with a smile on his feet. Watching Klinsmann is always a cheering experience.

His other, more discreet, triumph is his careful self-management, enabling him to turn around public and professional opinion. The "Kraut" has become "Jürgen": the dastardly continental exhibitionist reborn as "Cleansman". He even topped it off by providing the popular press with its favourite oxymoron: the German with a sense of humour, when he pre-empted questions about his antics in the penalty area with the casual inquiry as to whether there was a good diving school nearby.

But I'm not sure that Klinsmann really does have much of a sense of humour. Huddled over instant coffee at Spurs training ground, he strikes me as an amiable, direct, but linear man, rather old for his 30 years and with few kinks or quirks in his character. What he does have is an extraordinary confidence and an innate understanding of what a British club and its followers want from an outsider.

The tale of how he came to terms with the "diving" jibe is instructive. "When I decided to come to Tottenham and these stories started circulating, I had no idea what they meant by diving. I talked to an old footballing friend in Nice about it and he told me that it was the British way of goading someone; that this was part of the sense of humour here. He told me to make fun of it, so I went away and dreamt up the question."

Even the winning gestures have, it transpires, been thought out in advance. The idea of adapting the "dive" for celebration came at the suggestion of a member of the Tottenham entourage who said that his little boy was disappointed not to have seen the illegal belly-flop, and ventured that it might be fitting for the top goal-scorer to perform it now and then. "I agreed that it would be fun but I told him he would have to give me a sign after I'd scored so as not to forget to do it," he explains, poker-faced.

He admits to being "a rather cool person", whose main desire is "to hang on to a normal life". But having won round one of the battle to be liked with the aid of his natural modesty, he is becoming picqued at the thought that he might be thought of as prissy. "Everyone makes a fuss about my old car, but I'm not trying to make an ascetic statement, honest. I had a Porsche in Milan, it just didn't seem to be the right car for London."

A natural diplomat, he praises British play and spectators, but there are glimmers of a purist's resentment towards difficult crowds. He says of Eric Cantona's recent assault on an abusive fan: "Cantona was exposed to pure malevolence during that game. If you provoke someone relentlessly, eventually, you'll get a reaction."

Less critical of badly behaved players than of their clubs, he credits own close-knit family and student friends in Stuttgart with giving him a "working knowledge of how the world works and how to preserve oneself".

Klinsmann's English is fluent. He speaks his mother tongue with the gentle, singsong accent of his local Schwabia. In Germany, Schwabians are teased for being serious, homely and, above all, thrifty. He obligingly conforms to all three sterotypes, a veritable Captain Sensible when it comes to assessing his achievements. "Football has given me many opportunities to enlarge my knowledge and provided me with a very solid financial foundation and security," he says, as if he had chosen soccer stardom as a viable alternative to accountancy.



ANNE McELVOY

His success in Britain has added extra lustre to his German halo. "The British are experiencing the 'likeable Kraut', a representative 'Good German' who is shattering Germanophobe obduracy like an ice-breaker", trumpeted *Der Spiegel*.

No amount of wheedling extracts the name of his American girlfriend, a former model who shares his appartment in Regent's Park. "She' is a very important part of my private life. If I were to introduce her in public and make her part of this whole business, it wouldn't be private any more," he says, with dour logic. "I have no plans to marry because I am adverse to laying down long-term strategies for myself and with a family in mind. I would be commited to more careful planning."

One thing Schwabians are not famous for is romance.

CHRIS HARRIS



Jürgen Klinsmann: discreet self-management has transformed the monster of the tabloid press into "Jürgen"

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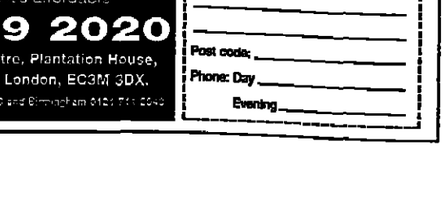
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Today's styles owe much to the legendary icons of yesteryear, whose quirky dress-sense set the pace of fashion

Trendsetters for a generation



Fashion

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As fashion goes retro in a big way — scouring the Thirties, Forties and Fifties for its inspiration — it seems timely to take a closer look at the stylish women who, during their lifetimes and beyond, have been as influential as any designer. This season in particular, designers are referring to yesteryear for their muses.

A new book, *The Power of Style*, looks at some of these celebrated style icons of the 20th century — the women who, by dressing in their own way, have seemingly set fashion's pace. These are the women who started trends, their chic idiosyncrasies copied by women the world over.

Slim Keith, a Hollywood hostess and the wife of the film director Howard Hawks, dismissed the lavish get-ups of the movie stars she socialised with. Instead, Keith dressed in an unassuming, understated way, which has since become the backbone for American fashion — her clean, uncomplicated look is still being reinterpreted by designers such as Ralph Lauren and Calvin Klein.



MILLICENT ROGERS (above/right) Sweater, £269, Caroline Charles, 170 New Bond Street, W1. Ballgown skirt, £615, Belville Sassoon Lorcan Mullany; 18 Culford Gardens, SW3. Rose-print skirt, £60, French Connection, 249 Regent Street, W1. Scarf, from £3.99, Tie Rack. Pearls, at neck and wrist, £28; brooch, £42; cuffs from £128; earrings, £198, Butler & Wilson, 189 Fulham Road, SW3.

Equally elegant was Daisy Fellowes, a socialite who became the toast of Parisian society in the Thirties. She was drawn by Jean Cocteau and photographed by Cecil Beaton. She wore jewels with a swimsuit, but went to great lengths to maintain a restrained elegance, having emeralds and rubies ground down to look like plastic beads.

Diametrically opposed to Keith and Fellowes is the eclectic wit of Millicent Rogers, the quintessential American heiress. Rogers was dressed by the leading couturiers — Schiaparelli, Mainbocher, Valentina and Charles James — but often altered their designs to suit her own whims. As she travelled the world she adopted the local costumes, wearing dirndls in Austria, Navajo jewellery in New Mexico. She mixed the looks with gay abandon.

Jacqueline Kennedy's taste for ensemble dressing (the little dress and jacket) has been copied everywhere, and is the mainstay for this summer's working wardrobe. Her almost carefree grace worked as well on a beach in St Tropez as it did at the grandest White House dinner. There are few women who can claim to have a style of sunglasses named after them, yet everyone knows what a pair of Jackie O sunglasses look like.

By doing little more than thinking beyond the boundaries of dress-codes and trends, they inadvertently set themselves up as arbiters of taste. Their often quirky sense of style has laid the foundations for fashion designers to plunder at whim ever since.

● The Power of Style *is published by Aurum on February 20, price £18.95.*



DAISY FELLOWES (above/right) Dress, £372, Caroline Charles as above. Sandals, £135, Russell & Bromley. Boas, £19.50; silk flowers, John Lewis, branches nationwide. Cuffs, £138 each, Butler & Wilson.

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● LONDON's Fashion Week is just three weeks away, and finance fever is running high. Graduates of the New Generation, which is funded by Marks & Spencer, are seeking sponsorship to support their collection presentations, while the Department of Trade and Industry last week pledged £50,000 to the week's events.

● HARVEY NICHOLS has added to its seasonal brochure with a magazine aimed at fashion/style-oriented men and women. It aims to inform shoppers of what's new in-store and events taking place. Crammed full of fresh spring/summer looks, fashion comment, designer profiles and new lines on the beauty, food and wine front, it has something for everyone. Available from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1, priced £2.

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■ After all the hot air, a scheme to reduce the feelgood factor by 17½%

Strive as I might, and always do, to be as unconvoluted as possible, there really is no way of approaching this morning's topic without going via Benjamin Franklin. He is enmeshed in its every ravelled thread. His ghost perches on my shoulder as I tap, now pointing this way, now that. And though my prime commitment remains, of course, to you, there is no question but that, today, this one is also for him.

I have always loved old Ben. Who that has any relish for life's hilarious heterogeneity could fail to love a man who invented the glass harmonica, sought to identify the presence of electricity in lightning by standing in a thunderstorm with a kite, and lurched around in two pairs of spectacles, one on the bridge of his nose, one on the tip, until crying to hell with this, and inventing bifocals? It would be hard to think of anyone in whom dottiness and wisdom combined to more productive effect, and it is thus altogether fit and proper that he should be riding shotgun for me as I face down Her Majesty's Customs and Excise on the burning issue of hot-air ballooning.

Especially as it was he who made the two keynote remarks on the subject: the first in 1783, when, posted to Europe as his fledgling nation's plenipotentiary to negotiate the Treaty of Paris, he witnessed the Montgolfier brothers whizzing over that city in the first journey made by men hanging on to a big bag, and murmured: "Whether science has embarked upon a fresh source of human joy or of human folly, I dare not speculate," and the second six years later, in his letter to M. Leroy, when he wrote: "In this world, nothing is certain but death and taxes."

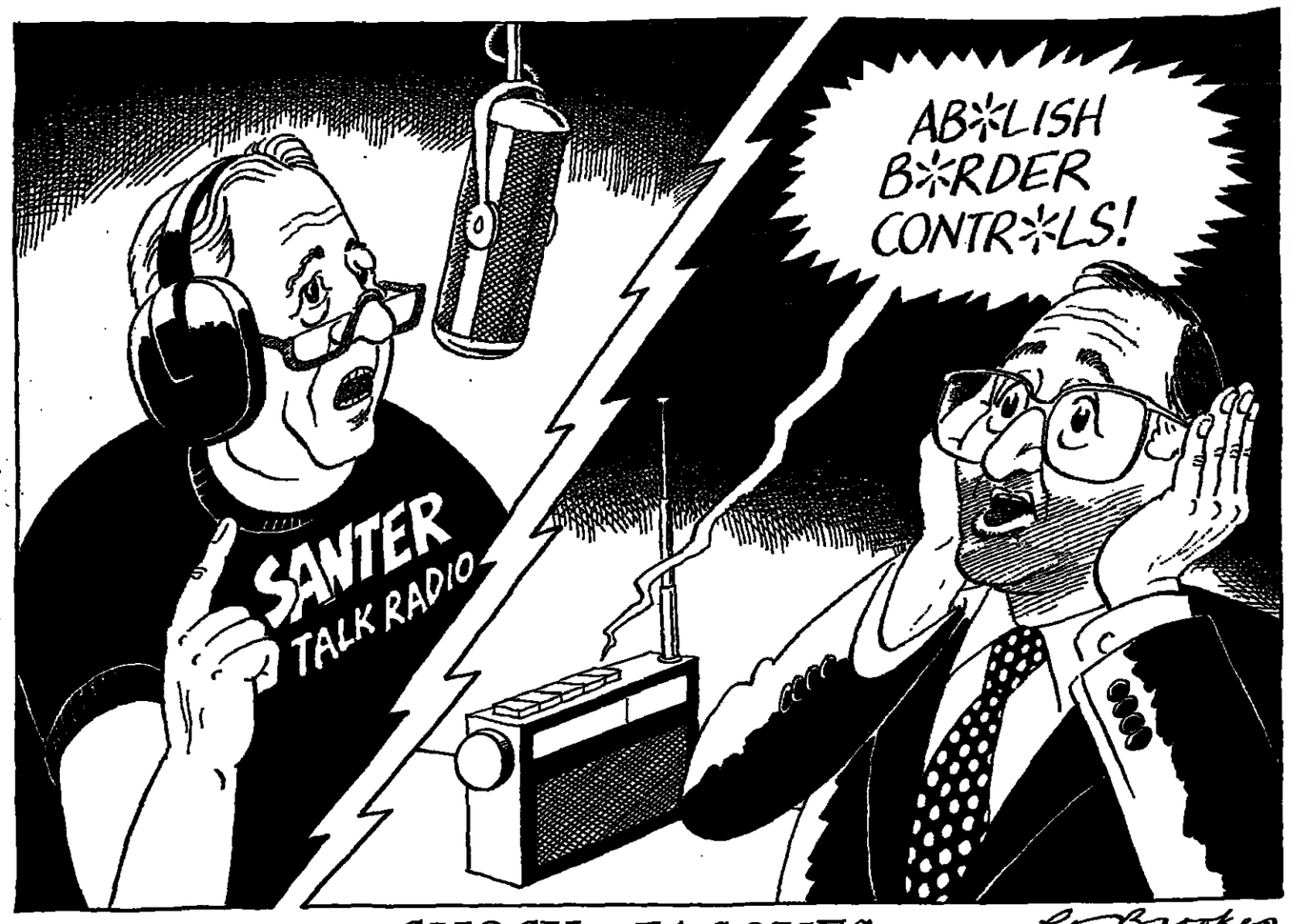
Which finally brings me, as readers registered for VAT may already have twigged, to the new edition of *VAT Notes*, that merry little quarterly which keeps us abreast of all those swingeing innovations which give the lie to Treasury claims that taxes are not going up. As a publication, mind, it is a mixed curse, in that it does reveal all manner of wondrous items I would otherwise never have known existed, eg chiming non-ferrous ornamental ptarmigans, or showerproof bridal accessories (except hand-wound rayon horseshoes), or all the millions of other arcane gew-gaws which have been truffled out by sniffer dogs trained to catch the whiff of anything not yet carrying 17.5%, and run panting with it to the Chancellor's feet in the hope of a pat and a chocolate button.

And look what they have found now! "From 1 April 1995, services relating to entertainment or recreational activities that include passenger transport will become wholly standard-rated. This includes 'fun' or historic rides, specialist train rides and other forms of transport within theme parks, and hot-air balloon rides." I particularly savour the inverted commas they have placed around "fun". Can we not see the meeting at Dracula House following the discovery of what they had hitherto been missing 17.5% of? "Fun, eh, we'll give 'em bloody fun!"

Was there ever a more horrible levying? Did any impost ever bespeak a flintier heart? Could any piece of legislation distance more irretrievably the feelgood factor its legislators are so desperately seeking?

I rang the VAT Führerbunker. Was there now VAT on dodgem cars? Yes. Ferris-wheels? Of course. Big dippers? No question. Ghost trains? Definitely. "While public transport in its usual sense will continue to be zero-rated," I was told, "public transport *where the purpose is entertainment* will now carry VAT". I cannot say whether the italics are theirs or mine, but it does not matter. What matters is that this is not merely a levy on fun, it is a levy on the fun of those whose fun is likeliest to be circumscribed by it, for the diversions thus hammered are unquestionably those of the nation's harder-up.

Is the Treasury so strapped for cash that hot-air balloon rides must be pressed into fiscal service? How much will they bring in, do you imagine? And since you ask, I have not turned to the ghost on my shoulder to ask him whether he has now, after two centuries, reached a conclusion as to whether balloons are a source of human joy or of human folly. I dare not. He is probably furious at me for having so incautiously mentioned glass harmonicas. They are just the sort of item the VAT people might up till now have missed.



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Ban airborne terrorism

Dresden showed that bombing from the air is inhuman. We should not tolerate it

Simon Jenkins

One good thing that might come out of the Dresden commemoration is the abolition of the bomb that destroyed it. We already have treaties banning the use of chemical and bacteriological weapons and of gas. We go to diplomatic lengths to restrict access to nuclear weapons. There is an international campaign to ban the anti-personnel mine, which continues to kill 150 people around the world each week. But the obscenity of the free-fall bomb remains unchecked.

What those too young to remember have found most shocking about Dresden is that the intention was to kill civilians. There was no pretence about this. The word "terrorism" occurs again and again in the documentation, both before and after the event, not least in the notes by Churchill and the American commanders who actually authorised it, and were to create a firestorm. As in the ghoulish phosphorus raids on other cities, the intention was to burn, suffocate and fry civilians.

For reasons that wholly elude me, bombs from the sky enjoy a moral protection not possessed by a soldier on the ground, despite the far greater danger experienced by the latter. If the Russian army had arrived at the gates of Dresden before Harris's bombers did their work, and had walked through the undefended city skewering babies, torching churches packed with cowering women, dynamiting hospitals and shooting anything that moved to a total of 25,000 human beings, we would have declared it a war crime. The images of American ground troops in Vietnam killing and torching villages moved a nation to disgust. In Cambodia, likewise, the world was appalled at the wholesale murders of the Khmer Rouge. A similar disgust is prompted by the atrocities of "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslavia. "Our boys" would do no such thing.

Yet the bomber is excused. He is protected by jargon: "take out", "dehouse", "render inoperable". He does not kill civilians. A phenomenon known as "collateral damage" does that. The bomber is the most costly and inaccurate weapon known to warfare. Despite promising to avoid civilian deaths in Baghdad, the allied bombers in the Gulf War killed hundreds simply by missing their targets. The war was won by soldiers in the desert, not by bombers over the streets of Baghdad. Bomb damage, as Speer showed, can quickly be repaired. Bombs win no territory. They are pure terrorism, and depend on the readiness of the bombed to be terrorised. Rarely do they oblige.

Yet from Bomber Harris, through the computerised sorties over Vietnam to Iraq, Bosnia and now Chechenia, the message from the air force has always been the same: the bomber can win the war. He can "take the enemy back to the stone age". February 14 is the anniversary not only of Dresden, but of the 1942 Air Staff directive that made Dresden possible. It focused bombing not on military targets, but "on the morale of the enemy civilian population". This was, as John Keegan says in his *History of Warfare*, "a revolutionary development in warmaking, and a few brave individuals rightly denounced it as a moral regression". But it gave air forces what they most wanted: a war role distinct from that of mere support for the other two services.

Harris believed, as America's General Curtis Le May did later, that bombers could win wars single-handedly, without any soldier on the ground. A depopulated wasteland must sue for peace. Harris's obsession with killing civilians emerges from his writings as maniacal. He disregarded the pleas of Allied commanders for bombing of the retreating German supply-lines. He left oil deposits untouched, and as a result permitted the German Ardennes offensive. Speer, in his memoirs, was incredulous at this waste of bomber resources. History shows that Harris's insubordination prolonged rather than shortened the war. He was out of control. He was, as Churchill sensed, a fanatic.

An entire theory of conflict — that aerial bombardment of civilians can alter political decisions by war commanders — was put to the test in the cause of inter-service rivalry. No attempt was made to prove its validity. The British, after all, boasted the opposite of what Harris believed. They said the Blitz stiffened resistance to Hitler. The flattening of 60 per cent of Japanese cities by the American Air Force did not induce the Japanese Emperor to surrender (though I admit the atom bomb may be an exception to my rule). The devastation of German cities did not produce an uprising against Hitler or noticeably affect the morale of his fighting troops on the ground. They fought, and were equipped, to the end.

Yet the 1942 directive retains its potency. The air force "must be given a role", other than merely as logistical support. They bombed Hanoi and the Vietcong supply trains. They bombed Gaddafi. At vast expense, the British sent RAF Vulcans to bomb the Falklands airfields, although they knew that any bombs lucky enough to fall on the runway would leave craters that could be repaired overnight. When the Americans declared hostilities against Iraq, the head of the USAF, Michael Dugan, let it be known that "US military air power, including massive bombing campaigns against Baghdad that specifically targets Saddam Hussein, is the only effective option to force Iraqi forces from Kuwait". It was a rerun of Harris's 1942 directive, and just as daft. At least Dugan was sacked. But his bombing policy was pursued — and left Saddam in power.

When the Russians went into Grozny before Christmas, I wondered how long the commanders would keep the air force at bay. The answer was not long. In they went, dropping free-fall ball-bearing bombs across the city centre. Since soldiers tend to be in well-protected bunkers, the chief casualties from such attacks were bound to be civilian. Children riddled with steel balls poured into hospitals. Had Russian soldiers shot these children by hand, the world would have reacted with total outrage. But the bomber's trade union gives him a licence. He is shooting from the distance of his plane. He cannot be held responsible for what he kills.

The nadir of the bombing fixation has been Bosnia. Any violation of any ceasefire produces a spasmodic tick in Washington: "Bomb them." Nobody cares whom. The bomber has a symbiotic relationship with the politician. He is the emblem of power projection: a plane roaring from an aircraft carrier, a plume of smoke, a thumbs-up on return. Neither pilot nor politician need see the mangled bodies. The power is in the afterburner and the bang. I am sure General Rose joined a long and noble list of ground commanders who found himself saying each night, God preserve me on the morrow from the air force.

I suppose it will be thus as long as war is a contest first between three services and only then with the enemy. To any layman, the air force should be part of a ground forces command structure. Limited wars are about the control of territory. Activity demands tactical precision, which except in the most limited theatres bombers cannot give. The advent of (reasonably) smart weapons is anyway rendering the manned bomber obsolete. The trouble is that the RAF has 150 officers of the rank of air commodore and above and 400 group captains for just 40 combat groups. Small wonder they spend their time decorating Gloucestershire mansions (though it is outrageous they should be summarily sacked for doing so).

All I would suggest is that air forces be expected to adhere to the same standards of humane warfare as the other services. Britain is tardy about any international agreement on inhuman weapons. I am sceptical of the value of most UN conventions, but cannot see why Britain should refuse to sign the 1983 Convention banning weapons aimed primarily at civilians. The Americans, French and Dutch have banned the export of delayed-action anti-personnel landmines in response to the horrific evidence of the casualties these weapons inflict. Apparently British arms manufacturers would indeed like to make these weapons and export them, and ministers dare not appear squeamish.

I would put napalm, phosphorus, ball-bearing and splinter bombs in the same category. These are not rifles, they are blunderbusses. They do not win wars. They are mere airborne terrorism. They kill people in the most agonising way imaginable. No civilised air force should be equipped with them. They are the unacceptable legacy of Dresden.

Your disobedient servants

Charles Wardle on how Whitehall undermines immigration policy

I am encouraged to learn that the passive verb to be Wardled has entered the Home Office lexicon. Civil servants need to be taken to task by someone impatient to get to the nub of a problem and less concerned with arcane ways than with effective action and results. The Civil Service is full of Rolls-Royce minds, but despite market testing, agency status, privatisation and the civil service White Paper, all the initiatives to modernise the processes of Whitehall seem to have bypassed the higher echelons of the Home Office. The great adventure there is policy, with precious little regard for the practical results that the public expects.

Although the Home Office is responsible for spending more than £6,000 million a year of taxpayers' money the gulf between its operating methods and those of the private sector is vast. The integrity, loyalty and commitment of most officials is beyond question, but few have any management qualifications or experience. Hardly any of them have ever been responsible for next month's payroll.

Any experienced executive who turns to politics and becomes a minister would quickly see what I mean. When an MP complained that a company in her constituency had not been given a chance to quote for a Home Office order, I delved. The executive officer who approved the purchase had a personal discretionary spending limit of £10,000 but the single order was for £289,700. There had been no other tenders, because apparently the executive officer had decided he knew what he wanted.

Take, for example, the celebrated research report on refugees. Officials at the immigration and nationality department had challenged Home Office researchers before the report came to my attention, claiming it was flawed by a fundamental confusion between Geneva Convention refugees and others with what is known in Home Office jargon as "exceptional leave" to remain in the UK. I asked about the methodology. A leaflet had been distributed to a list of refugee and immigration organisations indicating that a combined team of researchers from the Home Office and a university was carrying out the study.

In fact, in the research sample of 263 respondents, the main researchers had completed just 60 of the interviews themselves. The other 203 were subcontracted to foreign-language interviewers, on whom no records of qualifications had been kept. There was no available evidence of the format of their half-day training programme at the Home Office. And after sitting in on the first of their interviews, the main researchers left them to do the rest on their own. These foreign language interviewers had been recruited from the very list of immigration organisations that had supplied the respondents.

Potential respondents had been told that information they provided would be confidential. But it came as a surprise to me that all the questionnaires had been destroyed before the report was submitted to ministers. One result of this was that there was no firm evidence of the geographical spread of the research, and nothing to verify that the respondents were refugees at all. Nor was there any evidence that might dispel the sceptical view that groups on the list of immigration organisations had simply fielded respondents and foreign-language interviewers to supply predetermined answers.

While immigration officials applauded my inquiries, the reaction of Home Office researchers to the impertinence of such an intrusive minister was predictably hostile. Meanwhile the taxpayer footed the bill of over £50,000.

Concerned that the junior officials in my private office had to struggle to work during an Underground strike, I explored the Home Office car park to find spaces so they might drive to Queen Anne's Gate. Senior civil servants' cars filled the first floor, but the second floor — with parking spaces of an aggregate commercial value of at least £250,000 a year — was filled with thousands of new chairs, desks and cabinets, purchased and dumped there, some for more than a year.

The approach to expenditure budgets, management planning and control and training still lags behind modern management. It is hardly surprising either that the prison service agency and the criminal justice division have experienced grave difficulties in putting policies into practice. But worse management problems lie ahead if the European Commission ever prevails with infraction proceedings against Britain's frontier controls. If the commission were successful, there would need to be a massive redeployment of immigration officers from ports of entry to internal enforcement duties. This would mean greater police involvement, as on the Continent. Coming so soon after the travails of the Police Bill and the review of core police functions, this would need the most careful management planning — or are we to assume that the problems will never arise?

It is management's job to plan ahead. The best safeguard for our frontiers is to make very sure at next year's intergovernment conference that we have a solid opt-out from Article 7A of the Treaty of Rome.

The author resigned this week as Under-Secretary for Industry and Energy.

Classless Eton?

A RICH tradition of ruling gentry has come to an end. The Eton College magazine, *The Chronicle*, states unequivocally that there are unlikely to be any more Etonian Prime Ministers.

The school founded by Henry VI has produced more Prime Ministers than any other. Nineteen of the country's leaders spent their formative years at the establishment. The last Prime Minister was Alec Douglas-Home and the most recent contender was Douglas Hurd, who fought for the Tory leadership in 1990.

But this term's *Chronicle* suggests that John Major's classless society is taking root. The magazine's editor, Matthew Wilson, in an article headed *Mundus Contra Etonienses* (The World Against Etonians), claims that Hurd was "a beneficiary of the class system" who, during the leadership contest, "felt obliged effectively to apologise for having been at Eton".

"Can there ever be another Etonian Prime Minister?" he writes. "If public opinion continues to see Eton, beyond all other public schools, as a system of elitism and social injustice, no politician will dare to present the electorate with an Etonian as a potential Prime Minister. So much for those who insist that an Etonian education is an untold advantage in life."

Lord Charteris, former Provost of Eton, suggests the Etonian Prime Minister will rise again. "I absolutely don't agree. I'm in favour of elitism but the elite must accept their responsibilities."

● *Jonathan Dimbleby's biography of the Prince of Wales has ended up in literary limbo land. A copy spotted in a Sevenoaks bookshop was in the "soiled bargain" basket, marked from the princely sum of £20 to £7.99.*



DIARY

Stage fright

TECHNICAL hiccups have hit Cameron Mackintosh's production of *Miss Saigon* in America. A helicopter built to land on stage in the Seattle production, which opens this spring, crashed on its first flight.

All productions feature a helicopter, but the Seattle version was still being tested in Los Angeles the other day when a hydraulic ram failed. "It went straight down," says a spokesman. "It was a write-off, a hell of a mess, but fortunately no one was hurt." Technicians are working round the clock to reconstruct the helicopter but *Miss Saigon* is not the only show affected. "It landed plum on the stage set for *Beauty and the Beast*. That was damaged as well, unfortunately."

Danger aria

THEY are falling like flies at the Royal Opera House in London, where an uncommonly virulent flu bug is doing the rounds. It was only the other night that, just before curtain up, the Swedish mezzo soprano Anne Sofie von Otter cried off from *Der Rosenkavalier* because of a cold.

On Monday night, the opera house hit the panic button again. It was the turn of their star Romanian soprano, Angela Gheorghiu, to fall ill moments before she was due to play Mimi in *La Bohème*. "Deborah Riedel, who has played the role here before, happened to be in town by chance. We found her and she stepped into the breach," says a spokeswoman. "But flu is raging here."

Fond farewell

THE REMOVAL vans trundled up to the doors of Barnwell Manor yesterday as the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Princess Alice finally decamped from their Northamptonshire estate. There had been not a dry eye in sight on Monday when, after 50 years there, Princess Alice bade her farewells.

The move was announced last month after the Gloucesters decided that Barnwell was too expensive to keep up. Princess Alice, 93, has gone to stay with friends in Scotland to avoid the upheaval of the move to Kensington Palace. She threw a drinks party last Friday for about 50 locals. "It was a very nice way of saying goodbye," says one. "We were all sad to see her go. I'm sure she was too, but she doesn't show it like the younger ones do."

Snap decision

THERE were tense moments at the London offices of the gushing glossy *Hello!* last week. The magazine nearly failed to come out after a courier bearing vital pages on their way to the printer was knocked off his motorbike.

He was heading for Heathrow to put paste-ups on a Madrid-bound plane when the accident happened. He was unhurt but vital pictures of the Princess of Wales for the week's issue were scattered over the motorway.

"It was early morning by the time everything was recovered," explained a weary celebrity interviewer at the magazine. "And we still had to get it all to the printers in Madrid." *Hello!* chartered a plane of its own for the royal snaps — and the magazine hit the streets on schedule.



Tanya Bryer: hardly a crumb

● *West End actresses turned out late on Monday night at PJ's restaurant in Covent Garden to model jewellery for an Aids charity. Waiting to interview them was the BBC's Tanya Bryer, who paid heavily for her interest. "I asked if they were hungry after their shows, and offered them some of my food," she explained. "Yes," they replied — and wolfed the lot.*

P·H·S

THE OTHER MANDELA

'The Mother of the Nation' has no place in government

That Winnie Mandela continues to find a place in South Africa's Government of national unity is as striking as the series of misdemeanours and crime of which she is the unrepentant author. After a week of turbulent recrimination, during which — for the first time — she felt the formal wrath of her estranged husband, Mrs Mandela apologised to the President for having said that his Government was "pandering to the whites". Yet the "Mother of the Nation" — as she is still referred to in radical circles of the African National Congress (ANC) — was scarcely a model of contrition.

The apology was squeezed from her in grudging instalments by Thabo Mbeki, the First Deputy President, who is thought to have made it clear that Mrs Mandela would have to resign if she failed to offer the President an appropriate form of words. Mr Mandela was right, of course, to demand an apology. Not only was Mrs Mandela's talk of "pandering" inflammatory, it was also in breach of every rule of Cabinet propriety. She is, after all, Deputy Minister for Arts, Culture, Science and Technology in the very Government which was the butt of her indefensible criticism. Mr Mandela was wrong, however, in treating the matter as open to resolution by mere apology. The President should have dismissed her from his Cabinet immediately.

Mrs Mandela's appointment to the Government of national unity in May last year was greeted with dread by many in South Africa and abroad. Not only did she have a criminal record — she was convicted of assault and kidnapping in the ignoble case of 14-year-old Stompie Moeketsi — but she was also a strident champion of the politics of racial confrontation. Mrs Mandela, it was apparent to many, personified the political culture from which the new South Africa was striving to unbind itself.

His estranged wife forced on Mr Mandela a delicate political and personal balancing act for which he had little enthusiasm. As a strategic concession to ANC radicals, thought to have been the idea of Mr Mbeki, Mrs Mandela was inducted into government in a junior post under an Inkatha minister. It was calculated that her voice — as well as that of the militant cohorts — would be better constrained, and rendered more emollient, within the political system.

Events have shown that such calculations were mistaken. Mrs Mandela's ill-conceived diatribe against the Government is not the only matter on which she has given the President cause for her dismissal. Her autocratic style — so destructive in the days when she ran Soweto in the manner of a fiefdom — has provoked a rash of resignations from the ANC Women's League, of which she is President. Those who have resigned include Adelaide Tambo, widow of the late Oliver Tambo, and Nkosazana Zuma, the Health Minister.

After the Boesak affair, Mr Mandela will find it increasingly difficult to ignore the evidence against Mrs Mandela — which mounts by the day — of financial impropriety, abuse of power and nepotism. By sacking her from his Cabinet, he would be likely to anger party radicals. He would be less likely, however, to provoke open insurrection. Mr Mandela's strategists may still counsel him to retain his errant wife: he must overrule them. Political strategy has here become the foe of political wisdom.

RESPONSIBLE DOCTRINES

Every crime is the result of a moral decision to commit it

Today's report by the Employment Policy Institute on the alleged links between crime and unemployment revives a familiar argument in the law and order debate. Dr John Wells, a Cambridge University economist, claims that crime levels can be linked to the state of the labour market. Though he distances himself from the perilous argument that unemployment justifies crime, Dr Wells suggests that indifference to the plight of the jobless "can provide a solvent to the normal moral constraints on crime".

The Home Office would disagree with his central claim. Its latest report on the subject, published in December, concluded that there was no "consistent significant correlation between unemployment and recorded crime". The methodological arguments about which statistics should be used, and how, will probably never be resolved to the satisfaction of all. The debate on this alleged correlation will continue to rage. The more interesting question is what the debate itself says about the Western view of morality.

In the last century and a half, a series of intellectual movements have eroded the Judaeo-Christian assumption that the individual is morally responsible for his actions. Darwinism made man the product of evolution and animal impulse; Freudianism made him the helpless puppet of suppressed sexual feelings; and Marxism made him the victim of social and economic forces. The behaviourist school of psychologists, led by B. F. Skinner, has argued that individual actions are determined by context and the countless stimuli to which human beings are subject.

The core belief that individuals must be held accountable for what they do wrong has survived this philosophical onslaught. But it has become intellectually respectable — as well as politically correct — to say that external factors play a very considerable part in explaining anti-social or evil behaviour. The perverse effect has been to turn wrongdoers into apparent victims. Hence, for example, Colin Ferguson, who shot 25 people on a New York train in 1993, was said to be expressing "black rage". This week, a group of scientists will meet in London to discuss the increasingly popular argument that criminal behaviour has genetic roots. Too often it is argued that criminals are prey to impulses over which they have no control or are subject to forms of oppression which compel them to break the law.

Such arguments are meant to defend the powerless. In fact, their effect is the opposite. The vast majority of black people, for instance, would be horrified by the idea that their ethnicity predisposes them to murderous violence, or excuses it. To claim that one social group is more likely than another to commit crime or act immorally is a grotesque form of condemnation, perhaps the most sweeping stigma a society can apply.

It may be true that a desperately poor man is more likely to steal than a millionaire. But it is quite different to suggest that crime is predetermined and that the link between material adversity and criminality is a causal one. To allege such a link is enormously insulting to unemployed people who lead respectable lives in difficult circumstances. It also confuses the pressures to which people are subject with their moral response to such pressures. Poverty and disaffection may tempt individuals to commit crimes. But it is they themselves who yield to such temptations. The true causes of crime are criminals.

YOU MADE IT, OSCAR, YOU DID

If you want his memorial, listen to the laughter and tears

The prince of paradox was needed in person to describe the unveiling of his memorial window in Westminster Abbey yesterday. That master of the epigram with a corkscrew for its tail left apt inscriptions for his extraordinary career, for instance, "When people agree with me I always feel that I must be wrong." Or, "The truth is never pure and rarely simple." Wisely, the Dean decided to restrict the inscription to the plain names and dates of Oscar Wilde. Oscar's cumulative two-liners and inverted clichés already fill the quotation dictionaries and are continually recycled by lesser wits. They and his high camp aesthetic line are still imitated and have become immortal without having to be inscribed on Abbey glass.

But only Oscar's friendly irony could have adequately celebrated his admission to Poets' Corner a century to the day after the opening of both his wittiest play and his fatal libel feud with Lord Queensberry. Oscar might have had something to remark about his nearest ghostly neighbours in the Abbey, Tennyson; Queen Victoria's favourite laureate, and Browning, the cerebral poet of heterosexual love and passion. He would surely have been amused by the Home Office logic that he cannot be posthumously pardoned because the crime of which he was convicted is no longer illegal.

The Irish outsider who was hounded to disgrace, prison, exile and an early grave by the hypocritical society he loved to tease might have been gratified by his rehabilitation in the heart of the Anglican Establishment. He would have enjoyed the eclecticism of the special interest groups riding his bandwagon, from Irish nationalists to gay rights militants and the entire acting profession. Even the Marquess of Queensberry, descendant of the prize-fighters' legislator who started Oscar's ruin with an ill-spelt note accusing him of "posing as a Somdomite", has joined the Wilde society.

Artists need neither rehabilitation by Poets' Corner nor pardon by the Home Secretary. They live in their work. Of all people, Oscar was a self-conscious artist first and a fallible and imprudent mortal second. Continental Europeans have long recognised him as a great writer unappreciated by his countrymen, like Byron, for his wit, his un-British dedication to his art and his unconventional private life. The British came round to him because he made them laugh. Another Wildean paradox is that *The Importance of Being Earnest*, the most brilliant comedy in English, has become the most popular of all plays for the respectable bourgeoisie he loved to shock.

Now he is beyond the reach of all scandal. Oscar is a modern man more than a Victorian. His fur coat, green carnation and boast to the customs officer that he had only his genius to declare are in line with modern celebrity self-promotion. Oscar might have worn an ear-ring. His contemporaries persecuted him for degeneracy and weakness. But modern biographers recognise him as a brave man who protested against the vulgarity of his age, and was himself punished by moral vulgarity. Oscar said he was dying beyond his means. He lives on beyond the means or need of posthumous rehabilitation. A final paradox is that his audiences forgave Oscar for his genius long before Poets' Corner caught up with them. Oscar's sins were painted scarlet, but his jokes are still read.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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CO's support for jailed guardsmen

From Lieutenant-Colonel T. S. Spicer (retd)

Sir, As the former Commanding Officer of the 1st Battalion Scots Guards, and therefore the commanding officer at the time of the incident in Belfast for which Guardsmen James Fisher and Mark Wright have just been convicted of murder (report, February 11), I am writing to make the following points:

Throughout the battalion's tour in Belfast we had been subjected to numerous attacks covering the full spectrum of terrorist operations — shootings, including the fatal shooting of one soldier, bombings and rocket attacks.

By far the most prevalent form of attack, and the most difficult to counter, was the Mark 15 grenade. This is a domestic coffee jar filled with Semtex and shrapnel. It is lethal and easy to conceal, and it is very difficult to preempt or capture the thrower.

By the date in question, September 4, 1992, there had been at least 20 of these attacks. That morning there was intelligence to suggest that the threat from "coffee jars" was higher than normal and that some of these devices were known to be in the New Lodge area.

This information was passed to troops deploying on a search operation. Fisher and Wright were part of this operation. Thus an attack on a patrol resulting in death or injury to soldiers or innocent bystanders was an ever-present danger. This information was made clear during the trial.

I am completely satisfied that neither of these young soldiers had anything other than the firmly held and honest belief, stated throughout their trial, that they were involved in a terrorist incident and therefore acted entirely in good faith, in accordance with the law, the rules of engagement and their military training, and that opening fire after several challenges was the correct course of action.

Knowing these two soldiers extremely well, and having interviewed them shortly after the incident and subsequently on numerous occasions, I have never doubted their story or believed it to be a fabrication designed to cover up a deliberate and premeditated murder. Their version of events has not changed during the two years it took this case to come to trial.

Of course, one could easily pick holes in their stories, but in my view there was enough consistency between the version of events as seen by the prosecution witnesses and that of the defence to provide the element of doubt required to acquit them of murder. In my view any suggestion that this was a deliberate murder, followed by a concocted story to cover up, is difficult to accept.

Whilst it is very sad that in this instance it appears that an innocent young man was killed by mistake, such incidents develop extremely quickly and the decision to shoot or not must be made by young soldiers in a split second. It is a tribute to the training and professionalism of the British Army that more incidents of this type have not occurred during the lengthy deployment of troops in Northern Ireland.

I applaud Lord Justice Kelly's request, in his judgment, for a review of the powers of sentencing available to judges in all murder cases. For a country to require its soldiers to be the most professional in the world (which they are), to deploy them fully armed on the streets of a hostile and dangerous city in the United Kingdom and then, when they use their training and judgment in good faith, leave them at the mercy of a legal system which does not provide for anything other than a mandatory life sentence on conviction is disgraceful.

Yours truly,
T. S. SPICER,
Cavalry and Guards Club,
127 Piccadilly, W1.

Treats in store

From Mrs Ronna Saunders

Sir, One must assume that Mr Steve Ward who suggests (letter, February 7) that the use of the term "store" for "shop" and "lines" for "queues" is a symptom of galloping Americanisation, is one of your younger readers.

Just over sixty years ago, this town had at least ten businesses defining themselves as "stores", including several nationally known ones, such as the Home and Colonial, Woolworth's and World's Stores. Every community worth its salt had its own village or general stores and, even in those days, we used to go "up to Town" to shop at the big departmental stores.

Having referred to our local street directory for 1933, I note that, as well as the more common tradesmen, such as grocers, butchers and bootmakers, there were bookbinders, staymakers, chair-caners, engravers and two art embroiderers who made vestments. These people carried on their crafts in workshops on their own premises, whereas those who kept stores sold the products of other hands. Perhaps that is where the difference lies, not across the Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,
RONNA SAUNDERS,
6 Argyll Street,
Ryde, Isle of Wight.
February 7.

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Song and dance over the Coliseum

From Mr Dennis Stevenson and others

Sir, As the team responsible for the report on lyric theatre in London we write in response to Melvyn Bragg's splenetic article, "Stop sniping at the Coliseum" (February 10). Mr Bragg seems to have chosen to misinterpret its arguments and ignore most of its research. There is, however, one important matter with which we must take issue immediately.

The Arts Council invited us as independent individuals to consider the provision of opera and dance in London and its possible future (including the proposed simultaneous closure of both major opera houses for refurbishment). At the outset we asked ourselves whether there were any hidden agendas at work and we can categorically state that there were none — on the Coliseum or any other institution. It is therefore false, insulting, and potentially damaging for Mr Bragg to hint that we were set up to undervalue and diminish English National Opera.

A careful reading of the report should have demonstrated to Mr Bragg that far from sniping at the Coliseum it broadly supports ENO's proposed developments in opera and dance. We admire and support the achievement of Dennis Marks, general director of the company, and acknowledged in the report that ENO's audience increased in 1994-95. Articles such as Mr Bragg's are potentially far more damaging to ENO's interests than anything we have said.

Yours sincerely,
DENNIS STEVENSON
(Chairman of the review team),
GRAHAM DEVLIN
(Director, Major Road Theatre Co),
GENISTA McINTOSH
(Executive Director, Royal National Theatre),
STEPHEN PHILLIPS
(Series editor, Meridian TV's *The Pier*),
78-80 St John Street, EC1.

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council of England

Sir, Melvyn Bragg makes a helpful contribution to the public consultation process about the provision of opera and dance in London. However, he has in some respects apparently been misinformed. For example, the report was commissioned by the Arts Council in July and completed in January, so in no sense was the process hurried.

It is based on careful and detailed research covering audience data from 1971 to 1994, not merely two surveys in 1991 and 1993. The projected figure for ENO's audiences for 1996-97, given as 75 per cent of capacity, was confirmed by the ENO management only a few weeks before the report's publication, as was the number of future performances. Reports of this kind can only use the data to which they have access.

Mr Bragg asserts that the report does not "take on board the challenge of creating a dance theatre for London". The question of a dance house is discussed fully, drawing on a recently completed study by Crispin Raymond, commissioned by Dance UK. Mr Raymond recommends the creation of a dance house network rather than a dedicated space, a view supported by the report. It tackles in some detail how such a network might be established and identifies a central role for ENO in presenting large-scale dance.

It is important that the Arts Council addresses issues relating to future arts provision as openly and transparently as possible. The views expressed in the report are not Arts Council policy, and the council will not respond to any of the report's recommendations until it has heard the views of all those being consulted.

Yours faithfully,
MARY ALLEN,
Secretary-General,
The Arts Council of England,
14 Great Peter Street, SW1.
February 10.

From Lady Boston of Faversham

Sir, If the consequences for English National Opera envisaged by Mr Melvyn Bragg were realised they would be vandalism of monumental proportions. The Coliseum's opera company is complementary to and in productive competition with the Royal Opera. If there is tension it is creative tension. Comparisons are invidious and irrelevant.

Like the Royal Opera, the ENO is a major national asset. So is its counterpart, Opera North. The Coliseum deserves maximum support. All who value our country's international standing in the arts should do everything possible to ensure that it gets it.

Yours sincerely,
MARGARET BOSTON,
27 Capstan Square, Isle of Dogs, E14.
February 11.

Coronary recovery

From Sheriff C. W. Palmer

Sir, I read with interest your article about Sir Peter Imbert's heart attack and his excellent recovery (Body and Mind, February 7). Having been through the same myself I agree with him that attitude, diet and exercise are the key to success.

I am 49 years of age, Sheriff of Tayside Central and Fife based at Dunfermline Sheriff Court. In 1991, while listening to the Bishop of Edinburgh preaching at my daughter's confirmation service at Fettes College, I suffered a major heart attack. I was taken to the Western General Hospital 250 yards away and pumped full of Streptokinase and TPA (both clot-busting drugs).

Twelve months later I keeled over again while on the Bench at Dunoon Sheriff Court. I was driven by my wife with a police escort 120 miles to hospital in Edinburgh. Three months later I underwent a triple bypass operation. Within 12 weeks I was walking in the French Alps and riding with the Buccleuch hunt.

This May, I will cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. I suspect that I may be the first heart attack victim/coronary bypass patient to do so.

In the Far East coronary heart disease is virtually unheard of. We could achieve the same here, where our record is appalling. The key is research and the British Heart Foundation funds more cardiac research than anybody else.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. PALMER,
Sheriff's Chambers,
Sheriff Court House,
1/6 Carnegie Drive, Dunfermline.

From Professor Anthony Field

Sir, We growing number of older people are interested in Sir Peter Imbert's secrets of recovering from a heart attack. The problem with exercise is its utter boredom.

Whilst "two miles on a walking machine at home at least twice a week" or riding an exercise bike can be done whilst listening to a radio or CD, watching television or even reading a book to occupy the mind, there is still the problem of such exercise not doing anything positive for others.

It would be wonderful if such exercise machines could be linked to pumping hot water to old people's homes or heating a hospital.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY FIELD,
152 Cromwell Tower, Barbican, EC2.
February 9.

NHS appointments

From the Minister for Health

Sir, You report (February 9) that "a senior member of an NHS trust" has submitted written evidence to the Nolan Committee on Standards in Public Life, claiming that the NHS appointments procedure is "highly idiosyncratic" and that "subjective judgment: personal whim and political patronage all play a part". What nonsense!

All NHS board members, executive and non-executive, are bound by our extremely rigorous code of conduct and code of accountability, issued in April 1994, and compliance with these codes is a condition of their appointment. We are confident that NHS boards benefit from the wide range of skills and experience non-executives have to offer.

However, we are rightly anxious to ensure that the system is as effective as it can be, and Mrs Bottomley has today announced that we will be making improvements to the system during 1995. Your readers will see more open advertisements for vacancies on NHS boards and this should ensure that we reach an even wider pool of potential customers. Everyone will be eligible to apply.

The criteria against which applicants will be assessed will be publicly available and standard throughout the country. Panels of serving chairmen and non-executives, working to agreed criteria, will recommend to Ministers those candidates who they feel could most capably serve on NHS boards. As Ministers are directly accountable to Parliament for the NHS, the final choice of board members will, as now, remain with them.

Yours etc,
GERALD MALONE,
Department of Health,
Richmond House, 79 Whitehall, SW1.
February 14.

To the point

From Mrs Ruth Messina

Sir, "Gone missing" suggests an optimistic coming back, which is more to the point (Professor Lawrence's letter, February 14) than the false economy of the word "disappeared": that suggests a pessimistic gone for ever. Unless this is what you want — and then it is, surely, more economical to be "lost".

Yours faithfully,
RUTH MESSINA,
20 Cairn Avenue, Ealing, W5.
February 14.

Vox pop

From Mr N. L. Denton

Sir, Of course, the verb "to pop" can mean "to pawn" (as in the nursery rhyme, "Pop goes the weasel"). The fact that it is frequently used within hospitals (letters, February 8, 11) perhaps says something about the current state of the National Health Service.

Yours faithfully,
NIGEL L. DENTON,
12 Maria Court, Southcote Road,
Reading, Berkshire.

Bird's-eye view of Europe

From Mr Norman Lamont, MP for Kingston upon Thames (Conservative)

Sir, I was most interested to see Sir John Weston's letter (February 11) about the ring-necked parakeet (*Psittacula krameri*). I think more commonly known as the rose-ringed parakeet.

Like Sir John I was recently in Richmond Park (but unlike Sir John not running), when I saw a formation of long-tailed birds above me. I too noticed the uncanny resemblance to a squadron of Tornado aircraft. They were obviously not magpies. Since we were so far from the sea they were not long-tailed ducks or long-tailed skuas.

By a process of elimination I came to the same conclusion as Sir John, that they must be parakeets. This preliminary judgment was confirmed when I was recently in Delhi and saw many flocks of these wonderful birds.

I think Sir John, however, is mistaken in calling the rose-ringed parakeet "a good European". Not only is the rose-ringed parakeet found all over India; it is also found in Africa, South America, the West Indies and parts of California.

Clearly the rose-ringed parakeet does not take a narrow insular European view but looks to the world.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN LAMONT,
House of Commons.
February 14.

Church squabble

From the Archdeacon of York

Sir, My forthcoming book, *Affairs of State*, may be "slight and superficial" as the Archbishop of Canterbury suggests (report, February 13), but he has misrepresented its theme. Far from being no more than an attack on the morals of the Prince of Wales or even primarily on the leadership of the House of Bishops, it is an examination of the anxieties which many ordinary people feel at the decline of standards in our society — and of course, in the process, at the leadership we receive at all levels.

There is a malaise in our nation, and if an archdeacon suggests that a return to spiritual values and a biblical morality might offer a new beginning, he might surely expect the support of the Archbishop of Canterbury in this. Instead, Dr Carey (or maybe those who advise him) homes in on one small aspect of the book, once again deflecting serious debate by the resort to unnecessary abuse.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE AUSTIN,
7 Lang Road, Bishopthorpe, York.
February 13.

Lottery odds

From Mr Bryan Clough

Sir, The odds against winning a jackpot on the National Lottery are 13,983,816 to one (0.0000072 per cent). These are reduced to 107,568 to one (0.5072 per cent) if 130 tickets with different numbers are acquired.

However, each draw is unique. A sequence of not winning the jackpot does not improve a punter's chances of winning if in any subsequent draw, as is implied by the calculation made by the lower sixth further maths set at Giggleswick School in their letter of February 4.

The odds continue at 107,568 to one for each draw, ad infinitum. Nor can anyone predict when, if ever, any set (or sets) of numbers is going to come up. And, because punters select their own sets of numbers, no one can even predict the number of jackpot winners in any draw.

The probability is that probability theory is wrong.

Yours,
BRYAN CLOUGH,
Risks Analysis (Publishers),
9 Seymour Square, Brighton, Sussex.
February 5.

From Mr K. M. Young

Sir, In an effort to save my wife from wasting her pound on the lottery every week, I worked out that it would take her 134,615 years just to have a 50/50 chance of winning the jackpot, a statistic that had a visible effect on her. Last week she bought two tickets.

Yours sincerely,
K. M. YOUNG,
24 Furzedown Road,
Belmont, Sutton, Surrey.
February 13.

Stranger to a train

From Mrs Anne Trenchard

Sir, Perhaps Steven Norris (report, February 9; leading article and letter, February 10) should have a word with Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, about the enormous sums saved by the dreadful human beings who use the London Underground.

Two years ago on a trip to Nepal, the only meat-eaters in the party not to succumb to "Delhi belly" were myself and a London solicitor. He came up from the south every day on the Northern Line, while I came down from the north every day on the same line. Everybody else drove to work.

Yours faithfully,
ANNE TRENCHARD,
Roxton Dene, South Road,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.
February 10.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 14: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

Mr Sydney Chapman MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented an Address from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Visitor, this morning visited St Catherine's College, Oxford.

Major Charles Richards was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening gave a Reception for the Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace and later attended a Charter for Business and World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

By Command of The Queen, the Earl of Lindsay (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the Arrival of The Chairman of the Parliament, Head of State of the Republic of Georgia and Mrs Shevardnadze and welcomed His Excellency and Mrs Shevardnadze on behalf of Her Majesty.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
February 14: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this evening attended a Reception for the Friends of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Buckingham Palace and later attended a Charter for Business and World Fellowship Dinner at St James's Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE:
February 14: The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this afternoon visited United Biscuits' factory, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and was received by Major Everard de Lisle (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, later visited Dunn Nutrition Unit, Downham's Lane, Milton Road, Cambridge, to review the collaborative work between the centre and the British food industry and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

The Princess Royal this evening gave the Lecture to the Cambridge Union Society on Save the Children Fund at the Union Society, Cambridge.

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 14: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James) this morning.

His Royal Highness, Chairman, the Royal Collection Trust, this evening gave a Reception for members of the Royal Collection Department.

YORK HOUSE
February 14: The Duke of Kent this morning arrived at RAF Northolt from Dresden.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent, Patron, the Anglo-German Association, this evening received His Excellency Herr Peter Hartmann, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Mrs Hartmann.

The Duchess of Kent this morning opened Lynne House, the Child and Adolescent Neuro-Rehabilitation Unit, Highbank Healthcare Limited, Walmersley Road, Bury, Manchester, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John Timmins).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened Rutherford House, Manchester Science Park Limited, Enterprise House, Lloyd Street North, Manchester, and later visited St Mary's Church, Mulberry Street, Manchester.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.



JAMES MORGAN

Professor Gerald Benney and his daughter Genevieve Holmes achieved a rare royal double yesterday at Buckingham Palace. Professor Benney, 64, who lives near Newbury, Berkshire, was appointed a Commander of the British Empire in the New Year honours list in recognition of his 25 years as silversmith to the royal family. Mrs Holmes, 32, who left the Prince of Wales's service last year, was appointed a member of the Royal Victorian Order for her 12 years as his personal assistant. Mrs Holmes said: "It is quite a coincidence that we are both here together at the same time."

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Pedro Menendez de Aviles, novelist, Aviles, Spain, 1519; Galileo Galilei, mathematician and astronomer, Pisa, 1564; Michael Praetorius, composer, Kreuzberg, Germany, 1571 (and he died on this day), Wolfenbüttel, 1621; King Louis XV of France, reigned 1715-74, Versailles, 1710; Jeremy Bentham, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1748; Alfred North Whitehead, philosopher, Ramsgate, 1861; Sir Halford John Mackinder, geographer, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, 1861; Sir Bannister Fletcher, architect and architectural historian, London, 1866; Sir Ernest Shackleton, antarctic explorer, Kilkee, Co Clare, 1874; John Barrymore, actor, Philadelphia, 1882; H.M. Bateman, cartoonist, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, 1887; Graham Hill, racing driver, London, 1929.

DEATHS: Henry Deane, Archbishop of Canterbury 1501-03, London, 1503; Jan Swammerdam, entomologist, Amsterdam, 1680; Anthony Ashley Cooper, 3rd Earl of Shaftesbury, writer, Naples, 1713; Gotthold Lessing, dramatist, Braunschweig, Germany, 1781; Henry Hunt, political reformer, Alresford, Hampshire, 1835; Mikhail Glinka, composer, Berlin, 1857; Nicholas Wiseman, Cardinal and first Archbishop of Westminster 1850-65, London, 1865; Alexander Borodin, composer, Leningrad, 1887; Lew Wallace, American Civil War general and author of *Ben Hur*, Crawfordsville, Indiana, 1905; Herbert Henry Asquith, 1st Earl of Oxford and Asquith, Prime Minister 1908-16, Sutton Courtenay, Berkshire, 1928; Ethel Merman, singer, New York, 1984.

The first cargo of frozen meat left New Zealand, bound for Britain, on the *SS Dunedin*, 1882.

Singapore surrendered to the Japanese army, 1942.

Britain changed to decimal currency, 1971.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of the London Federation of Clubs for Young People, will attend a reception given by the Intercapital Group at Park House, 16 Finsbury Circus, EC2, at 6.15.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Medical Corps, will visit the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital at Woolwich at 3.15.

The Prince of Wales will visit the BBC World Service at Bush House at 2.45.

Prince Edward, as Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, will attend a musical soirée and dinner at St James's Palace at 7.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will preside at the Adult Literacy conference at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre at 10.30; as Commandant in Chief of St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the Chelsea Flower Show reception at St John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 12.15; as President of the Royal Yachting Association, will attend the meeting of the council at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, 60 Knightsbridge, at 4.15; and, as Master of the Woolmen's Company, will attend the annual court and ladies dinner at Buckingham Palace at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will visit Croydon Masonic Hall, Oakfield Road, Croydon, Surrey, at 6.00.

Royal Caledonian Ball

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Thursday, April 27, at Grosvenor House, London, W1. Ball tickets are available at £55.00 to include wine, whisky and breakfast. Ball commences 10.00pm with dancing until 3.30am. A 3-course dinner is available, 7.30pm for 8.00pm, at £28.00 per person to include half bottle of wine. Please apply to Mrs R.H. Tym, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6EX. Tel/Fax: 01264 810363.

Memorial services

Mr Sebastian Shaw

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Sebastian Shaw, actor, was held yesterday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. Canon Bill Hall, Senior Chaplain of the Actors' Church Union, officiated. Mr Ian Richardson read from Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, Miss Estelle Kohler read Elizabeth Barrett Browning's *The Ways of Love* and Mr Alan Ravenscroft read Mr Shaw's own poem *Gemini*. Mr Ben Kingsley read from Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*, Miss Sheila Allen read George Herbert's *A Life* and Mr Kenneth Branagh read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Mr Frank Middlemass paid tribute.

Mr Stephen Varcoe, baritone, accompanied by Mr Graham Johnson, piano, sang Brahms's *Wie bist du meine Königin* and Mr Martin Best played the guitar and sang his own composition of Ariel's songs from *The Tempest*. During the service hymns were sung to arrangements by Martin Shaw, the late uncle of Sebastian. Among others present were:

Mrs Drusilla MacLeod (daughter), Mrs Joan Shaw, Mrs Penelope Harness (sister), Mrs E M S Bonner-Morgan (sister), Mr and Mrs John Body, Miss Belinda Putley, Mrs Margaret Money, Mrs Olga Young, Dr Geoffrey Bonner-Morgan, Dr Robin Bonner-Morgan and Dr Barbara Bonner-Morgan, Mr Giles Downes and Mrs Giles Harness-Downes, Mrs Pamela Wober, Mr Jonathan Wober, Mrs Craig, Mr David Craig, Miss Sarah Bonner-Morgan, Miss Emma Bonner-Morgan, Mrs Jane White, Mr Richard Bonner-Morgan, Mr and Mrs Guy Bonner-Morgan, Mrs M Bonner-Morgan and other members of the family.

The Hon Lady Sachs, Mr Richard Sachs, Mr Tony Britton, Mr Anthony Holden, Mrs Ian Richardson, Mr Nickolas Grace, Mr Terry Hands, Mr Richard Pasco and Miss Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Mr Tim Pigott-Smith and Miss Pamela Miles, Mr Norman Rodway, Mr Clifford Rose, Miss Sara Kestelman, Mr David Suchet, Miss Alison Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Shaw, Mrs Margaret Synge, Mr John Gillum, Miss V Hancock, Mr and Mrs Rex Justham, Mr Alexander Justham, Mr and Mrs Harold Cunningham, Mrs Kate Griffin, Mrs B Vasconcellos, Miss Jane Chisholm, Mrs Elaine Strutt, Colonel and Mrs Peter Steel, Mrs Celia Clarke, Mr and Mrs Francis Ravenscroft, Mr Sasha Ravenscroft, Mr Benjamin Ravenscroft, Mr George Ravenscroft, Fred Ravenscroft, Mr and Mrs John Ravenscroft, Ms Miranda Argyle, Mr H Ocean, Miss Rosemary Stone, Mr Rufus Ravenscroft, Ms Sheila Ravenscroft, Mr Miles Richardson, Mr Vernon Conway, Ms Ann Daniels, Mr Trader Faulkner, Miss Annie Firbank, Miss Tazeena Firth, Miss Joyce Hawkins, Mrs Alison Kane, Mr Bernard Lloyd, Mr Timothy O'Brien, Mr Robert Oates, Mr John Shrapnel, Mr Leon Tanner, Mr Ted Valentine, Mr David Waller, Mrs Guy Woolfenden, Ms Heather Canning, Dr and Mrs H Bowen-Perkins, Mr and Mrs V James, Ms Sue Best, Mr Michael Hoile, Miss Julia Bradford, Mrs Denzil Underwood, Mr Alvan D Seth-Smith, Mr Jeff Richardson, Mr and Mrs Eddie Jones, Mr Roger Gregory, Miss Lisa Parkes, Mr Julian Curry, Miss Sarah Woodward, Mr John Lloyd-Morgan, Mr William Russell, Mr Roger Gregory, Mr H D Lyon, Mr Terry Long, Mr and Mrs James Farquharson, Mr Clive Swift, Mr Ronald Harwood, Mrs Keith Kyle, Dr Russell Jackson (Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon), Mr Jeffrey Wickham (Actors' Benevolent Fund), and Mr Anne Suter with Mr Ken Sephton (Gallery First Nighters).

Luncheons

HM Government

Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House for Mr Daniel Tarschys, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

HM Government

Mr Ian Taylor, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade and Technology, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House in honour of Mr Frank Jensen, Danish Minister for Research.

Ministry of Defence

Admiral Sir Jock Slater, Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by the Ministry of Defence at Admiralty House, in honour of Vice-Admiral Hans J. Garde, Chief of Staff to the Chief of Defence of Denmark.

Birthdays today

Miss Mary Adshead, mural painter, 91; Mr Clive Aslet, editor, *Country Life*, 40; Sir Nicholas Bayne, diplomat, 58; Sir Harold Beeley, diplomat, 86; Sir William Bentley, diplomat, 68; Miss Claire Bloom, actress, 64; Mr Tony Bloom, joint deputy chairman, Sketchley, 56; Sir Stephen Brown, former chairman, Stone-Platt Industries, 89; the Earl of Carlisle, 46; Mr Derek Conway, MP, 42; Mr Dan Crompton, Chief Constable, Nottinghamshire, 54; Mr Justice Drake, 72; Mr Frank Dunlop, former director Edinburgh International Festival, 68; the Countess of Dysart, 81; Mr Paul Ferris, author, 66; Mr John Greenway, MP, 49; Mr Gerald Harper, actor and broadcaster, 66; the Earl of Jersey, 85; Professor Andrew Miller, Principal, Stirling University, 59; Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman, Manpower Services Commission, 75; Mr C.F. Payne, former Chief Constable, Cleveland, 65; Mr W.K. Reid, the Ombudsman, 64; Miss Jane Seymour, actress, 44; Miss Clare Short, MP, 49; Mr P.J. Squire, Headmaster, Bedford Modern School, 58; Sir Adrian Swire, chairman, John Swire and Sons, 63; Lord Justice Ward, 57; the Right Rev R.W. Woods, former Bishop of Worcester, 81.

Tonbridge School

Music and Art Scholarships 1995

Music Awards for 1995 have been awarded to the following:

Scholarships
Rupert Collingwood, St Edmund's Junior School, Canterbury; Jonathan Day, The New Beacon, Sevenoaks; Alexander Goodman, St John's College School, Cambridge; Peter Jones, Hilden Grange, Tonbridge; Simon Lloyd, Solefield, Sevenoaks; Edward MacLaren, Tonbridge, formerly at Brambletye; Graham Roberts, Westminster Cathedral Choir School; David Sherwin, Aldro, Shackleford.

Bursaries
Anthony Joy, Tonbridge, formerly at The New Beacon; Thomas Streatfeild, Hilden Grange, Tonbridge; Jonathan Venn, Holmewood House, Langton Green.

Art Awards for 1995 have been awarded to the following:

Scholarships
Thomas Herington, Dulwich College Preparatory School, Cranbrook; Alexander Wilson, Rose Hill School, Tunbridge Wells.

Tonbridge School is a charitable foundation for the education of boys.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.F.C. Craven and Miss S.M.T. Adams

The engagement is announced between Josef, youngest son of Mr John Craven, MRCVS, and Mrs Craven, of Queniborough, Leicestershire, and Samantha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Adams, of Eastbourne, East Sussex.

Mr M.I. Jaffé and Miss E.C. Kendrew

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Max Jaffé, of East Horsley, Surrey, and Emma, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kendrew, of Oulston, North Yorkshire.

Mr P.K.M. Ramm and Miss B.A. Robertson

The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Canon and Mrs N.M. Ramm, of Harwell, Oxfordshire, and Bernadette, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.C. Robertson, of Warsash, Hampshire.

Mr S. Stavrou and Miss M-J. Walker

The engagement is announced between Stavros, only son of Mr and Mrs Michalis Stavrou, of Pelendria, Cyprus, and Miranda-Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Antony Walker, of St Ippolyts, Hertfordshire and Pissouri, Cyprus.

Mr C.R. Wilford and Miss J.M. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Charles Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Wilford, of Swepstone, Leicestershire, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bailey, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr P. Auburn and Miss M. Colwell

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Auburn, of Swindon, Wiltshire, and Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Colwell, of Stockton Brook, Staffordshire.

Mr J.G. Malcolm and Miss J.D. Moore

The engagement is announced between John Malcolm, of Wembley Park, Middlesex, and Joanne Moore, of Woodford, London.

Marriage

Mr S.F. Sieff and Miss D.J.A. Ward

The marriage took place yesterday at Ampthill Register Office, Woburn, of Mr Simon Sieff, elder son of the Hon David and Mrs Sieff, of London, to Miss Diana Ward, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs John Ward, of Guildford.

The bride was given in marriage by Mr Leo Hickman and Mr Jonathon Sieff was best man.

A reception was held at Woburn Abbey and the honeymoon will be spent in Italy.

Dinners

The Lord Chancellor

The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Daniel Tarschys, Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.

Consular Corps of London

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Consular Corps of London held yesterday at the Hyde Park Hotel. Mr Willie S. Wilder, president, was in the chair and Mr Antony Figgis, Vice-Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps, also spoke. Sir John Smith, Deputy Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police, was among those present.

Foundation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presented the Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran Prize for the application of science and technology for the benefit of society to Dr Bridget Ogilvie, Director of the Wellcome Trust, at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Dr Ogilvie and Mr David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, were the speakers.

The Electrical Contractors' Association

Mr Derek Taylor, President of the Electrical Contractors' Association, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Robert Jones, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department of the Environment, was principal guest and speaker.

Office Bearers from the Leading Trade Associations, Confederations and Federations, the EETPU, the permanent Civil Service, Members of Parliament and leading figures and company representatives from the electrical industry were among those present.

Oscar Wilde dedication

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Ferguson, Precentor, at a dedication of a memorial to Oscar Wilde held yesterday at Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey.

Dame Judi Dench and Mr Michael Denison read from *The Importance of Being Earnest*. Sir John Gielgud, CH, read from *De Profundis*, the letter written to Lord Alfred Douglas when Wilde was in Reading Gaol, 1897.

Mr Seamus Heaney gave an address. The Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland, the French cultural counsellor and Lady Kate Douglas were present.

Professor Gerard Taylor

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Gerard Taylor, will take place at 3pm on Friday, March 10, in the Priory Church of St Bartholomew-The-Great, West Smithfield, London, EC1.

Julian Belfrage

A service of thanksgiving and celebration for the life of Julian Belfrage will be held on Tuesday, March 7, at 3.00pm at St James's Church, Piccadilly.

Turners' Company

Mr Andrew Hamilton, Master of the Turners' Company, presided at the annual awards court held yesterday at Apothecaries' Hall. Alderman Sir Francis McWilliams presented medals, prizes and certificates to winners of the Turners' Engineering Design Competition, to City and Guilds students (woodworking and mechanical engineering) and to armed services engineering craft trainees.

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BIRTHS

BRAND - On February 9th, in Halifax, Canada, to Catherine (née Fuller) and Simon, a son, Richard Charles, a brother for James Alexander.

CUCKSON - Ian and Melanie are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter, Charlotte Louise, on February 13th, a beautiful bouncing 8lbs 10oz.

DUTHIE - On February 13th, to Andrea (née Ahearne) and Andrew, a son, Oliver Marr.

FITZHERBERT - On 10th February 1995, to Caroline (née Hadcock) and Pip, twin daughters, Emily and Philippa. Friends for Rambo and Dammit.

FOX - On February 9th, to Suzi (née Penwarne) and William, a daughter, Dakeney Grace.

FRANCE - To Rebecca (née Stokoe) and Alastair, God's gift of a darling daughter, Katherine Sarah, born 12th February. With thanks to all at The Rosie Maternity Hospital, Cambridge.

HERBERT - On 25th January 1995, to Julia (Macur) and David, a son, Nicholas Alexander, a brother for Ben.

HOBSON - On February 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Jacqui (née Loftus) and Stephen, a lovely son, George, our treasured early arrival.

LORD - On 4th February 1995, to Brad and Karina, a beautiful baby daughter, Georgia Lee.

LYTH - On 11th February 1995, to Anabel (née Littlewort) and Nicholas, a daughter, Lily Violet Caroline, a sister for Olivia and Freddy.

MELLIS - On 7th February 1995, to Penny (née Larminie) and Julian, a daughter, Louise Isabelle.

MITFORD - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and Rupert, a daughter, Lucy, a sister for Hannah.

PEAT - On February 9th 1995 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, to Catherine (née Douglas) and Timothy, a son, Charles Hugh Barclay.

SHAUGHNESSY - To Charles and Susan Shaughnessy on Wednesday February 8th in Los Angeles, a daughter, Madelyn Sarah. A sister for Jenny.

WHITELAW - On February 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Nicki (née Lees) and David, a daughter, Charlotte Tamsin, sister for Alexander.

DEATHS

BECKLES - Terence Nugent 12th February died peacefully in his sleep after a long illness. Terence was the beloved brother of Gillian and the joyous friend of countless fellow musicians and others who will miss him so much. Funeral at Christ's Chapel, Dulwich, on Monday 20th February at 10.30 am. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

BONE - It is with deepest sorrow we announce the sudden death at home on the 13th February of Richard Michael; beloved husband of Margaret and dearly loved and sparkling father of Alexander, Daniel and Jessica. Funeral at St Annes Church, Wandsworth, 23rd February at 11 am. No flowers please. Donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 44 Lincolns Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX or the British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitzhardinge St., W1H 4DH.

BORM-REID - Marussia, peacefully on 13th February, aged 82. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium Friday 17th February at 4pm. All flowers and enquiries to T.H. Sanders & Sons Funeral Directors, 12 Medfield Street, Roehampton, SW15, tel: (081) 789-6856.

BURGESS-ALLEN - Hamilton John, M.M. (aged 73), suddenly on 11th February in Salcombe, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Much loved and deeply missed by family and friends.

CALVERLEY - On 10th February 1995, John, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst. Much loved husband of Kathleen, father of Jack and Sarah. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium Monday 20th February at 12.30 pm.

CLAYTON - On February 13th, peacefully at home, Col. Aymar Sinclair Joseph de Saigé Clayton O.B.E., late of The Middlesex Regiment (D.C.O.). Dearly loved husband of Barbara, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral Service at The Sacred Heart and St Aldhelms R.C. Church, Sherborne, on Tuesday February 21st at noon. Family flowers only. Donations for The British Heart Foundation c/o Mr Harold F. Miles Funeral Director, South Cadbury, BA22 7ES. tel: (01963) 440367.

COMERFORD - On February 11th, peacefully after a long illness bravely fought, The Rev. Peter Comerford of Mary Tavy. Private funeral. Donations, if so desired, to The Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o Morris Bros., 1 Drake Road, Tavistock, Devon.

DAVIES - On February 11th 1995, suddenly at home, Maurice Davies Ph.D. Beloved husband of the late Valerie. Much loved brother of Gladys, Joan and Esme. Funeral Service Tuesday February 21st 2 pm at Woking St Johns Crematorium. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to Macmillan Nurse Appeal c/o G. Boutell & Son Funeral Directors, 50 High Road, Byfleet, Surrey.

DICKSON - Rita Veronica, most adorable and wonderful wife to Robin for 47 years, died peacefully on 10th February after being suddenly struck down by cancer. Requiem Mass at St Mary Magdalene, Bexhill-on-Sea, 11.30 am Wednesday 22nd February, followed by private cremation. No flowers but donations welcomed by any local cancer relief campaign. The gates of Heaven have opened for her.

DREW - On February 13th 1995, peacefully at Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury, J.B.W. 'Sydney Drew'. Sadly missed by his wife Rosemary, son, daughter-in-law, all family and friends. Funeral Service at Barham Crematorium, Kent, on February 28th at 11am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Pilgrims Hospice c/o John Kemp Funeral Services, 26 Harbour St., Whitstable, Kent. (01227) 272288.

DYER - Major (retd.) Alan Frederick (Dickie) Dyer MBE Royal Signals. Husband to Doreen, father and grandfather passed away after a short illness on February 12th 1995. Much loved and deeply missed. No flowers. Donations to Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

EDWARDS - Dennis, on 11th February in Copenhagen, after short illness. Service 17th February at 1 pm at St Albans, Copenhagen. Flowers Mr Kramer 01045 35269100.

FRENCH - Kenneth Thomas French M.B.E. Major ret'd., on Sunday February 5th 1995 peacefully after a short illness.

GRANT - Leonard Frederick O.B.E. on 10th February 1995, peacefully, at Shipton-under-Wychwood, aged 102. Sometime Deputy Accountant and Comptroller General of Inland Revenue, and Essex County and Frinton Councillor. Husband of the late Ella and much loved father of Jean and John. Grandfather of Clive, Rosemary, Adrian and Mark. Great-grandfather of Jennifer and Sarah, Timothy and Alastair, and Rebecca and Luke. Cremation at 11.45 am at Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday 22nd February 1995. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to Help the Aged. Enquiries to John Grant, tel: (01993) 823881.

HALPER - Eveleen, on 13th February aged 83 after a short illness. Widow of Howard Halper, beloved mother to Jonathan and Lyndsay and grandmother to Daisy, Henry and Alex. With thanks to her doctors and the staff at St John & Elizabeth Hospital.

HARRISS - Noël R.H. Most loved husband of Sue; loving father of Tup (Heath) and David, Jane and Gabe, Dianne and Brian, David and Sue; and devoted grandfather of Charles, Daniel, James, Caroline; Gaby, Jeanine, Karen Dede; Peter and Michael. Passed away peacefully on 10th February 1995 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

JESSOP - On 10th February 1995, Dan Stanley Jessop of Stevenage, Herts. Former Pupil of Ecclesfield Grammar School, Yorkshire, aged 60 years. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Rectory Lane, Stevenage, on Tuesday 21st February at 12 noon, followed by interment at Weston Road Cemetery. All friends, neighbours and colleagues welcome at the church service. Floral tributes and enquiries to W. Austin & Sons (Stevenage) Ltd., 9/11 Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts. SG1 3HX, tel: (01438) 316623.

KELSEY - On February 13th, peacefully in her sleep, Phyl, dearly loved wife of John, mother of Peter and Diana and grandmother of John and Joanna. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St Thomas' Church, Lymington, on Tuesday April 18th at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations if desired for Oakhaven Hospice may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons, Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

MOLESWORTH-ST AUBYN - On February 12th, suddenly at home, Simon, dearly loved husband of Amanda and wonderful father of Tommy and Cressida. Family funeral. No flowers, but donations, if desired, to A.H. Chester Funeral Directors, 122 The Hundred, Romsey, for Parish Church of SS Peter & Paul, Kings Somborne. Memorial Service to be announced later.

MOORE - Tom (Charles Edward Thomas) aged 81, died on Saturday 11th February at home in Norwich, after an interesting and fulfilled life. Dearly loved husband of Jean; will be greatly missed by all his family. Funeral Service to be held at Norwich School Chapel at 2 pm on Monday 20th February. Flowers or donations to Oxfam greatly received c/o Co-operative Funeral Service, St Stephens Square, Norwich, Norfolk, by 12 noon please.

NEALE - On 6th February 1995, Mavis (née Newton), Concert Pianist; dearly loved mother of Malcolm (deceased), sister, aunt and great-aunt, passed peacefully away. Funeral Service at St John at Hampstead, Church Row, London NW3 at 2 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PX. Further enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, (0171) 794-3535.

SHEARD - Nora Mary of Hindon, Salisbury, peacefully on February 13th, aged 87 years. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Tuesday 21st February at 11 am.

SICE - On February 11th 1995 Robert aged 62 of Redhill, Surrey, died suddenly. Much loved husband to Toni and father of Tim, Jeremy and Chris. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends with whom he lived life to the full. Private family service to be held at 12 noon on Monday 20th February at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 122 Ladbroke Road, Redhill. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation c/o Stoneman, Doran Court, Reigate Road, Redhill, Surrey. Memorial Service to be arranged at a later date.

SINKER - On 9th February peacefully in her sleep at home in Cambridge in her 88th year, Peggy, wife of the late Philip Sinker. Funeral Service at St Bene't's Church, Cambridge, at 2 pm on Friday 24th February. No flowers please. Donations if desired to St Bene't's Church.

WRIGHT - On 13th February, peacefully in hospital, Albert Wright, dearly loved husband of Connie, loving father of Jackie and Adrian. Funeral Service on Friday 17th February at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Sussex at 1.15 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AMEY - A service to celebrate the life of Mr Ronald Amey will be held in the Amey Hall at Abingdon School at 2.30pm on Saturday 25th February.

CURRIE

The Memorial Service for Rear Admiral Robert Currie CB DSC* DL will be held at Thorpe Morieux Church Suffolk on Saturday 11th March at 2.30 pm. All are welcome at Brettenham Park afterwards (by kind permission of the Headmaster, Old Buckenham Hall School). Donations in his memory, if desired, would be gratefully received by King Edward VII's Hospital, 10 Beaumont Street, London W1N 2AA or St Nicholas Hospice Hardwick Lane, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 2QY.

PRINCE - Jonathan Nigel, 10th June 1965 to 21st January 1995. Much loved by Monica, family and friends. Celebration of Jonathan's life at London Lighthouse, Lancaster Road, London W11, at 4 pm 17th February. Donations if desired to London Lighthouse.

SUMMERSKILL - Memorial Meeting for Michael Summerskill will be held at Gray's Inn Hall, Gray's Inn, London WC1, at 6 pm on Tuesday 7th March.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WORRALL:TENNANT - On 15th February 1945 at the Church of St James and St Basil, Newcastle-upon-Tyne - Vincent to Margaret.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CHISHOLM, JOHN VALENTINE CHISHOLM, late of Pimlico, London SW1, died Cannes, France, on 1 May 1994 (Estate about £40,000)

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OBITUARIES

U NU

U Nu, Prime Minister of Burma for 12 of the years between 1947 and 1962, died in Rangoon yesterday aged 87. He was born on May 25, 1907.



THRUST unexpectedly into the leadership of Burma in 1947, on the eve of its independence, U Nu steered his country ably through insurrection and civil war. It was the assassination of Aung San, the architect of Burma's independence, that transformed U Nu from being a non-political Speaker of the Constituent Assembly into Prime Minister. But he went on to give a masterly performance, maintaining a democratic administration for 16 years by juggling his party factions and winning three general elections before being ousted in a military coup in 1962. He was an influential figure in the Non-Aligned Movement in the 1950s, while in the West he was respected for his integrity and commitment to democracy and religious tolerance.

U Nu was exiled throughout the 1970s but returned to Rangoon in 1980 and, at the height of pro-democracy demonstrations in Rangoon in September 1988, made an abortive attempt to regain power before a military junta seized control.

In an autobiography written while imprisoned by his dictatorial successor, General Ne Win, he admitted, with remarkable frankness, that as a youth he had been "the chief of sinners" who revelled in lying, stealing, drinking, drugtaking and womanising until he discovered a deep sense of the spiritual truths of Buddhism.

During his years as Prime Minister he was hailed as *Rajarsi* — rulersage — and after a year in office he renounced, as Gandhi had done, all uxorious pleasures. With a broad, flat face usually creased into a huge grin he remained, at heart, a peasant and, to the delight of his followers, his speeches were full of crude countrified ephithets and allusions.

U Nu's political activities were to him only part of a much larger purpose: the preservation and advancement of Burmese culture, especially Theravada Buddhism. His efforts in this respect culminated in his translation from Burmese into English of the classics of Buddhism.

U Nu was born at Wakema in the Irrawaddy Delta. His father was a prosperous small-town rice trader.

Educated locally at first, he then attended the Myoma High School in Rangoon and the new University of Rangoon, where he took his BA degree in 1929. After graduation he worked as superintendent of a nationalist high school at Pantanaw, a small delta town where his closest friend was a former university classmate, U Thant, who went on to become Secretary-General of the United Nations.

During his studies U Nu developed a broad interest in English as well as Burmese literature and said that George Bernard Shaw was the model for some of his own literary efforts.

According to his memoirs, translated as *U Nu — Saturday's Son*, U Nu resolved at the age of 19 to be a Bodhissatva — one who is capable of achieving nirvana but postpones doing so in order to help alleviate human suffering. While not a particularly original thinker, he did combine in his life and work traditional Burmese Buddhist beliefs with modern political practice.

Returning to Rangoon University to study law, he was drawn into the leadership of the students' union and the nationwide student strike it organised against the colonial government in 1936. With many other students he joined the Thakin Party — so named because Thakin, or "master" was the way in which Europeans expected to be addressed by Burmese. He was a member of the *Dobama Asiayun*, the leading radical nationalist movement of the 1930s. He also founded the *Nagani* (Red Dragon) publishing house, wrote several plays and political tracts and was arrested for his anti-imperialist activities. This gained him the respect of younger nationalist colleagues who valued his ability to mobilise popular support and to create a positive nationalism out of the long smouldering Burmese resentment against British rule.

By 1940 U Nu was prominent enough to be imprisoned by the British authorities. They released him in a vain attempt to send him as an emissary to China's Kuomintang leaders. This initiative was aborted by the Japanese occupation and within two years U Nu became a member of Dr Ba Maw's Government under the Japanese occupation, serving as Minister of Information and Foreign Affairs.

At the end of the war U Nu sought political obscurity, hoping to withdraw from public life to write. However, the maelstrom of postwar politics drew him back into the centre of affairs when in 1946 he was elected vice-president of the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League (AFPFL), the major nationalist front. It had recently agreed with the British Governor, Sir Hubert Rance, to join a transitional executive council prior to independence. In June 1947 Nu was elected to the non-party role of president (Speaker) of the Constituent Assembly formed to draft a constitution.

Within six weeks, however, Aung San, was assassinated together with almost all his Cabinet. U Nu was, at 41, Burma's elder statesman and was called upon by the Governor to take over as Prime Minister. He quickly formed a new government, concluded the negotiations for the handover of sovereignty and presided at the independence ceremonies on January 4, 1948. Soon after, however, his Government faced separate rebellions from the Burma Communist Party and the Karen community in east Burma; and it was only through his political charisma, as well as the military resources of the beleaguered state, that he was able to see the anti-government forces broken by the early 1950s.

Nu then led the AFPFL to success in national elections in 1952 and 1956. During his rule nationalisation measures were introduced, mainly directed at breaking British and Indian dominance over the economic life of the country, and education and welfare measures opened up to greater numbers of people. At the same time U Nu gradually modified the Marxist outlook that had prevailed at independence and promoted greater observance of Buddhism and tolerance of other religions.

But behind his party's apparent strength there lay many fissures that led him, in 1956, to relinquish the prime ministership for nine months and in 1958 to resign again for 18 months to make way for a caretaker government led by the Army Commander, General Ne Win. U Nu's party won re-election in 1960, but in March 1962 he was ousted from office in a coup led by Ne Win.

Following five years of house arrest, U Nu was permitted to leave Burma for health reasons in 1967. He soon began to organise a movement to overthrow the Ne Win Government. Operating from Thailand for several years, this effort failed for a variety of reasons, not least of which was U Nu's own unwillingness to shed the blood of his fellow countrymen, and in 1972 he abandoned politics totally to reside near a Buddhist monastery in India. There, he remained in quiet exile until 1980 when, at the invitation of President Ne Win, he returned to Burma to receive a state award for his services to Burma and to accept an offer to translate Buddhist texts.

When increasing civil unrest caused the fall of the Ne Win regime in 1988, U Nu declared himself Prime Minister of a 26-member government but his action failed to capture much popular support and foundered when a military junta seized power on September 18. Two months later he and 11 associates were detained for failing the junta's orders to dissolve their embryo government. He remained under house arrest until April 1992 and after release continued to campaign on behalf of Aung San Suu Kyi, the pro-democracy campaigner under house arrest in Rangoon since July 1989.

As a politician, U Nu was often mistrusted by his political colleagues as arrogant and presumptuous, as he admitted in his memoirs. But he was revered by the Burmese public for his political charisma, ascetic behaviour and the depth of his religious conviction.

U Nu's wife Daw Mya Yee predeceased him; he is survived by his five children.

JAMES MERRILL

James Merrill, American poet and novelist, died of a heart attack in Tucson, Arizona, on February 7 aged 68. He was born in New York on March 3, 1926.



ONE of the most gifted, in the technical sense, of that generation of American poets which emerged in the 1950s James Merrill at first appeared in danger of becoming a victim of his own inventive facility. Reviewers were prone to suspect that his cunningly handled imagery, his manifestly cultivated tastes and his careful control of form and content were perhaps merely the superficial adjuncts of a sensibility which had not, in Jungian phrase "gone to the bottom" in life. There was a fear that Merrill's talent might, in the the end, prove to be merely the minor lyric gift of an American rich boy whose circumstances enabled him to sip experience in whatever part of the world his fancy might lead him.

But as time went on, and Merrill was able to look back on and rework his earlier experience, it could be seen that his metaphysics were something more than just an alliance between dazzling technique and frigid wit. By the appearance of the admittedly riskily entitled *Divine Comedies* (1976) Merrill had emerged as a poet of vision and depth. The volume deservedly won him the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry of its year.

James Merrill was the son of wealthy parents, his father's third but his mother's only child. His father was the founder of the Wall Street brokerage firm of Merrill Lynch; his mother owned a newspaper. Summers were spent on Long Island, winters in Florida. After his parents divorce his mother settled with him in New York.

He served in the US Army during the last year of the Second World War and then went to Amherst College, where he wrote a thesis on Proust and had some of his early poems published. Later he settled in Connecticut with a male companion with whom he travelled to Europe, particularly to Greece and the Levant. This region, with its guiltless ambisexuality, was important to him (he and his friend later bought a flat in Athens) and there is much evidence in his later work of the influence of Cavafy.

In the meantime he had published his first major collection, *First Poems*, in 1951. Like its successor *The Country of a Thousand Years of Peace* (1959) it was regarded as being an affair of skill rather than of heart. Undaunted, Merrill tried other literary forms: short stories, plays and novels. *The Immortal Husband* (1955), which retold the story of Aurora and Tithonus, was produced off Broadway in 1955.

His first novel *The Seraglio* (1957) was perhaps too much under the influence of Henry James, but with the 1960s and a return to poetry it was apparent that he was finding an authentic voice. The successive volumes *Water Street* (1962) *Nights and Days* (1966) and *Braving the Elements* (1972) gave a much fuller rein to his talents than their predecessors, and though the sense of tight control was still there, it was given strength by a new complexity of feeling. A second novel, *The (Diblos) Notebook* (1965), a tale of sexual fixation between half brothers who come together on a Greek island, had undoubted moments of felt experience, though its use of a notebook style (with deletions preserved to tantalise the reader) subverted these by inducing an overall matter-of-factness into the relation of events.

Besides his Pulitzer Prize, Merrill won two National Book Awards.

NATHAN GOLDENBERG



Nathan Goldenberg, OBE, chief food technologist at Marks & Spencer, 1948-72, died on January 26 aged 83. He was born on September 4, 1911.

NATHAN GOLDENBERG was the senior food scientist at Marks & Spencer for 25 years. He was no chef himself and could not be said to have created any of the products on the stores' shelves. But he led food retailing in Britain through a profound revolution.

Perhaps his biggest contribution was the tough line he took on hygiene — salmonella, listeria and botulism being bigger problems in the early days of pre-prepared and frozen food. Not just the raw materials, but wrapping, print, containers, distribution vehicles and production premises were all rigorously monitored, as were the farms and factories which supplied the company. Goldenberg was not always an easy man to work with but he stood his ground on matters of hygiene and quality.

He also pioneered the idea of specification buying and established productive links with universities. He kept the use of additives, on which he held many reservations, down to a minimum, and insisted that any additive used had to perform a specific function.

He achieved all this virtually from a standing start, having joined the team of food technologists at Marks & Spencer in 1948. When he arrived very little had changed since the company first ventured into food retailing just after the First World War. Biscuits, confectionery, custards and ice-cream were being sold but none were made specifically for Marks & Spencer.

By the early 1950s the attention paid to food retailing was decreasing if anything, as priority went instead to clothing and textile development. Other sections of Marks & Spencer's business, including foods, were slimmed down or eliminated to allow more space for clothes racks.

However, in the mid-1950s Sir Simon Marks had a change of heart. He called Goldenberg in to his office, told him to drop all other work and to concentrate on developing a limited range of high-quality cakes. If the cakes were a success, then the same approach would be applied to the other food departments. If they failed, then food retailing at Marks & Spencer might well be scrapped altogether.

After cakes, Goldenberg developed his own range of biscuits, tinned products and fresh fruit. High-risk foods like meat, poultry, dairy and fish products followed and in 1970 Marks & Spencer established a national chilled food distribution system. With that, the development of high-quality chilled convenience foods became a possibility, and a whole new market opened up.

Nathan Goldenberg was born in Boguslav, near Kiev, in the Ukraine. His mother was a doctor, his father a journalist and a book dealer. The family settled in Notting Hill, London, in 1921, after escaping the horrors of the civil war. He was educated at Latymer Upper School, Hammersmith, and on a scholarship at Birkbeck College, London, where he took a first in chemistry.

For twenty years he worked as a research chemist for J. Lyons & Co. Food technology was then in its infancy, and Goldenberg did research into the starch component of wheat flour. In 1948 he joined Marks & Spencer, as technical executive and chief chemist to the food division. He retired in 1972 though he continued to act in the capacity of scientific adviser until 1985.

He sat on various committees, among them the food additives and contaminants committee at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 1964-75, and acted as a consultant to the Israeli food industry. He was a strong supporter of the Zionist movement. He also wrote scores of scientific papers on various aspects of hygiene and quality control. He was appointed OBE in 1976.

He is survived by his wife Edith, whom he married in 1937, and one son.

Joan Ramsey (Obituary, February 14) married Michael Ramsey, the future Archbishop of Canterbury, when he was Van Mildert Professor of Divinity at Durham University and not while he was Bishop of Durham. Also, she was born on September 16, 1909, not 1910.

REAR-ADMIRAL SIR DAVID ALLEN

Rear-Admiral Sir David Allen, KCVO, CBE, Defence Services Secretary and Chief Naval Supply Officer, 1988-91, died of a heart attack on January 13 aged 61. He was born on June 14, 1933.



DAVID ALLEN rose to the top of his profession as a naval Supply and Secretariat officer. His final tour as Defence Services Secretary combined the duties of managing the relationship between the Ministry of Defence and the Royal Family and maintaining the balance of appointments of senior officers to tri-service posts.

His contacts with Buckingham Palace were extensive and embraced policy issues and those proposals for promotions and appointments and for honours and awards which require the sovereign's approval.

David Allen joined the Royal Navy in 1949 and followed a conventional career as a "pusser" (supply officer) with tours in the Far East and home waters. A man of excellent judgment, full of wise counsel to the many senior officers he supported, he was also possessed of an original wit. When a lieutenant, his first ministry appointment as assistant secretary to the First Sea Lord, the formidable Admiral Sir Varyl Begg, required him to forward a formal photograph for record and public relations purposes. A second closer glance at it would show that the knuckles of this smart young officer in dress uniform were somehow, in simian fashion, brushing the ground.

His later tours included a testing three years, 1978-81, supporting two different Controllers of the Navy during the equipment procurement battles of the day and also running the front office for Admiral Sir John (afterwards Lord) Fieldhouse, First Sea Lord, during the intensely political aftermath of the Falklands War.

Allen was created KCVO in 1991. He had been an independent inspector on the Lord Chancellor's Panel since 1992. From 1993 he was a director of the Avalon NHS Trust. One of his hobbies in later life was managing his flock of more than a hundred sheep.

He is survived by his wife Margaret and their two sons.

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THE POLAR DISASTER.

NATIONAL HOMAGE TO THE DEAD.

St. Paul's Cathedral has been the scene of many great services, but the one held yesterday in memory of Captain Scott and his gallant companions will bear comparison with the greatest of them. In spontaneity, in the multitudes of those who sought entrance to the church, in the reverence and sympathy exhibited by all classes of people, it was a remarkable manifestation. The King was present: the Government was represented by the Prime Minister and several members of the Cabinet; Ambassadors and Ministers of foreign States were among the congregation. The national Services, scientific societies, civic and official life all sent distinguished representatives.

But, notable as was this tribute of homage, it was immeasurably enhanced by the presence of *thousands of private citizens, whom a very real* sense of personal loss caused to assemble in such numbers. The Cathedral was filled to its utmost capacity, and it is computed that something like 10,000 persons were unable to obtain admission. The service was fixed for noon, but at 9.30 the congregation was already assembling, and by 11 o'clock dense crowds surrounded the Cathedral and lined all its approaches. It was, indeed, only with the utmost difficulty that many distinguished persons were able to gain access to the building. The air was raw, mist-laden and cheerless, but the people in the streets did not disperse till the service was over ...

Within the Cathedral all is hushed and dim. Gradually the building fills, and as it does so one catches glimpses of the scarlet tunics of distinguished soldiers, of scarlet gowns, the garb of City aldermen, and of the golden epaulettes of naval officers shining out conspicuously against the dark background of their uniforms ...

While the congregation assembled the band played Handel's "Largo" and Sir A. C. Mackenzie's "Benedictus." These were followed, just before the service, by Sullivan's "In Memoriam" Overture, in the finale to which the band was accompanied by the organ. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs entered in civic State shortly before 12, and just on the stroke of noon the rising of the whole congregation indicated the arrival of the King. His Majesty, wearing the uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet, was conducted to his seat, and the service began ...

THE DEFICIENCY OF FUEL.

PETTY OFFICER EVANS'S ILLNESS.

CHRISTCHURCH (N.Z.), FEB. 14.

It would seem from what has escaped some of the survivors that Evans lost his reason for the time being under the great stress of fatigue and privation and was incapable of obeying orders, or assisting his hard-pushed companions in the weary work of pulling the sledge. Indeed, it became necessary in the end to lay him on it.

Captain Scott's reference to the shortage of fuel at the depôts has been a matter of deep concern to the members of the supporting parties. They are greatly surprised, and agree in affirming that they themselves made no undue use of the fuel. When the search party discovered the bodies of Captain Scott and his comrades there was no fuel at all in the tent. The question whether Captain Scott, Dr. Wilson, and Lieutenant Bowers might have been saved by a supreme if not forlorn effort of a party of rescuers during March is being warmly discussed. A great deal of feeling is said to be displayed among the survivors themselves touching this matter ...

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You don't have to be a millionaire to live next to a golf course, where houses come in all shapes and sizes, says **John Macgowan**

One small step to the golf course

There is always a feeling of sadness at the end of a round of golf when the player has to clamber into his car after a careful quick one in the 19th and head for home.

If only home were by the course: it would not only save the drive but provide the chance to play at any time, the golfer thinks.

There is no reason why it should not be. Houses by golf courses are on sale throughout the country. They come in all shapes, sizes and prices and are available whether the golfer is still working or looking for a retirement home.

Most are situated by, or overlooking, a course, but it is rare to find one that offers membership as part of the package, a selling gimmick often present with Spanish, French and Portuguese courses, where the houses are part of the development.

One place where membership is on offer is at Pitt, Hampshire, next to the South Winchester Golf Course designed by the television golf commentators Peter Alliss and Clive Clark. Two period barns are being rebuilt and converted into large houses on the edge of the course, and the buyers will receive club membership. Manor Barn, with a vaulted dining room, principal and guest bedroom suites, two further bedrooms, and a first floor gallery and living room, is priced at £250,000. The smaller Manor Cottage, originally a chalk barn, has four bedrooms and a guide price of £200,000 (both available through John D. Wood).

Not far away in Hampshire, but without the benefit of membership, is the much less expensive, modern three-bedroom detached house overlooking Old Thorns course at Liphook (£99,000 through Hamptons), and at Crondall near the Surrey border, seven houses by that course are for sale. One is Lime Trees, a listed five-bedroom house of original open hall cruck construction, dating from the 15th century, which stands in three acres and overlooks the course. The house is one of the oldest in the village (John D. Wood, £495,000).

In Surrey there are a number of houses available, some overlooking famous courses — but not Romenda Lodge, the large 1920s house fronting the 15th fairway of the West Course at Wentworth and until recently the rented home of the Duchess of York and her two daughters. Its sale for around £900,000 through Knight Frank & Rutley to a foreign businessman working in the UK was completed recently.

By Worplesdon and Effingham golf clubs in the same area are two similar fine family homes. Sefton Lodge (Hamptons £550,000) backs on to the 17th green and 18th tee at Worplesdon and was built in the 1920s. It has a master bedroom suite, seven more bedrooms and stands in two acres.

Linkside has a gate on to the 17th tee at Effingham and also has views of the North Downs. The house was built in the 1930s with major extensions in the 1960s, and has five bedrooms, three bathrooms, four reception rooms, with a heated swimming pool (£675,000, Savills).

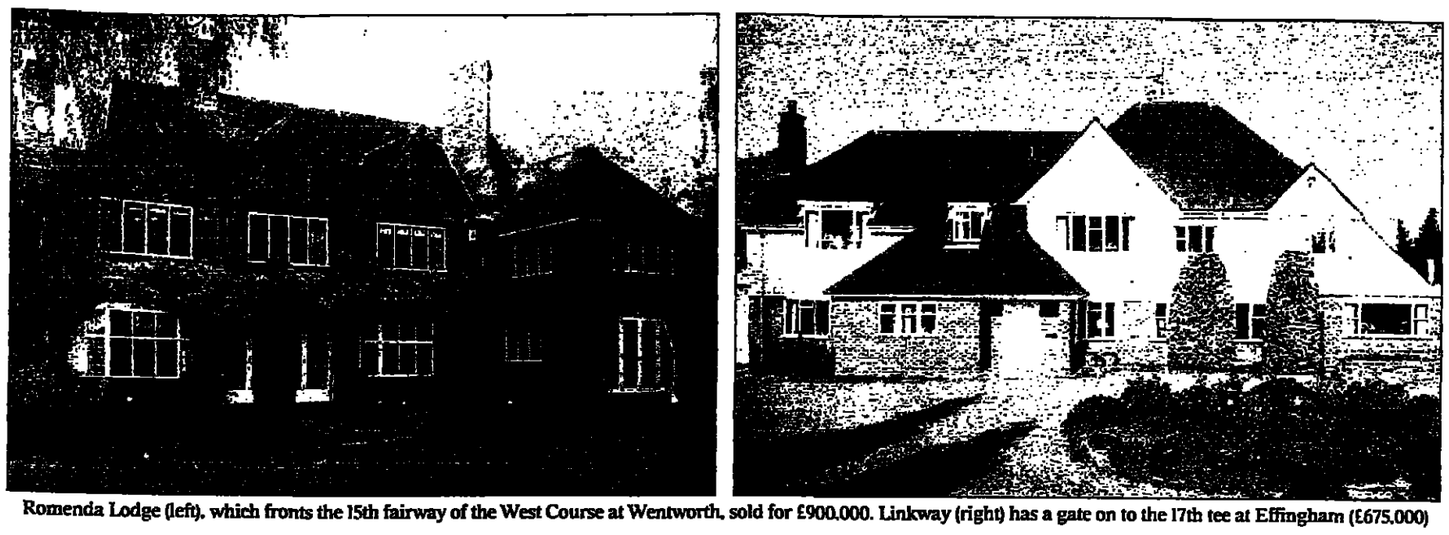
In the Midlands, Olympic swimming silver medallist Sharon Davis and her husband, the athlete Derek Redmond, former British 400 metre record-holder, have their Georgian-style three-storey house on the market with Jackson-Stops & Staff at £285,000. It adjoins the Collingtree Park Golf Course near Northampton, which was laid out by American Johnny Miller, the former Open Champion, four years ago.

The house, with five bedrooms, was built three years ago and stands in about half an acre, with a swimming pool. Further north in the Midlands is The Old Kennels, near the new Rufford Hills Golf Course near Newark, Nottinghamshire. It can combine equestrian sports for a non-golfing partner because of its 26 acres and stable buildings (£395,000, Savills).

Move west and there is a choice for someone who wants to retire next to the scene of his or her favourite occupation. On the edge of Dartmoor, and by the drive of Okehampton Golf Course, stands Sylvan Steps, an unusual L-shaped modern four-bedroom house (Millers, £110,000). In nearby Exeter, for business or retirement, a traditional four-bedroom house in Countess Wear backs on to Exeter Golf Course (Fulfords, £182,500).

But if retirement by the sea is the aim, then Fulfords of Exeter can offer a five-bedroom modern house with a balcony overlooking the course and the sea at Thurlestone, not far from Salcombe and Burgh Island on the Devon coast, for £265,000.

The fact is that wherever you want to play golf you will find a house. It can range from a purpose-built weekend lodge, such as those by The Watermark Club's Overstone Park course in Northamptonshire, to St Mary's Hotel Golf and Country Club at Pencoed near Bridgend. That is the ultimate for a golfer who has won the National Lottery, the chance to play unlimited golf on one's own course. It is a 27-hole golf course with a 15-bay driving range, a 24-bedroom country house hotel and a restaurant for up to 100 people, set in 150 acres of parkland. It is a snip at £3.25 million (Knight Frank & Rutley).



Romenda Lodge (left), which fronts the 15th fairway of the West Course at Wentworth, sold for £900,000. Linkway (right) has a gate on to the 17th tee at Effingham (£675,000)

Rising in the west



Albion Street (left) is one of the smartest streets in W2. Houses there are similar to those in Eaton Terrace (right) — but dramatically cheaper

After years of playing second cousin to more fashionable areas such as Belgravia, W2 is coming into its own. **Mary Wilson** reports

The Connaught Triangle, which makes up the 90-acre Hyde Park Estate in London, is witnessing a renaissance. The area, with a mix of both good period and modern properties, is west of Marble Arch and north of Hyde Park, in the postcode area W2. It is central, minutes from Hyde Park, Paddington Station and the rail link to Heathrow which is opening in 1997, and all the West End can offer. It also has a village feel, with plenty of local shops, a strong community and excellent restaurants.

With all this going for it, you would think it would be one of the most expensive areas of London, but for some reason W2 has always been second cousin to the smarter and more fashionable Belgravia and Knightsbridge, Kensington and Chelsea.

But now, it is these lower prices which are attracting people who would normally have bought in Kensington or Belgravia. Francis Norris was looking in the Kensington area last year to buy a three-bedroom flat, but could not find what he wanted for the money. He eventually bought a flat through Foxtons in Cleveland Square, which is just further west of the Connaught Triangle, for £395,000. The equivalent flat in Kensington, the agents say, would have cost £600,000.

Price differentials are quite staggering. In Connaught Square, a six-bedroom house on four floors on a 43-year lease selling through De Groot Collis is valued at £690,000. A house with equivalent internal layout in Chapel Street, Belgravia, with one less bedroom, but with a garage and a 56-year lease, is on the market for £1,495,000. Without a garage this would probably be about £1.3 million.

Another example is of a five-bedroom, four-reception room house in Albion Street, selling for £945,000, which is far cheaper than a similar property in Belgravia. Albion Street is one of the smartest streets in W2, with excellent period properties on both sides of the street. "The exterior of this property is very similar to houses in Eaton Terrace, SW1," Anthony Lassman, of Lassmans, says. "The main difference is price. You could expect to pay up to 80 per cent more for a freehold house in Eaton Terrrace.

"Belgravia is unquestionably the more fashionable of the two addresses, but properties in W2 offer outstanding value for money," he says.

Further west, a two-bedroom flat in the up-and-coming addresses of Queens Gardens or Cleveland Square would cost between £200,000 and £250,000. The equivalent in Notting Hill or Kensington would fetch between £300,000 to £395,000.

"The prices used to be more comparable," says Charles Oliver, of Chestertons Residential, which has a branch in Connaught Street. "Over the past 10 to 15 years a big gulf has developed. It will be decades before it catches up."

One of the reasons that prices have stayed low, apart from the area just not being on many people's shopping list when they start looking, is the dearth of agents in the area. Agents, by and large, help to work the prices up, but there have not been enough in the area to have done that.

De Groot Collis opened its first W2 office last September. "We felt it was a part of London which was undervalued and light on agents," says Priscilla Stille, a director of the company. "It is an area with some growth in it and the Hyde Park Estate, which is the best part of the area, is quiet, clean and well-maintained."

The area has another positive advantage, and that is its parking. As restrictions on parking in central London tighten, so it becomes more essential to buy or rent property with a garage or parking space. Under the Hyde Park Estate there is parking for more than 1,000 cars and there are always spaces. These can be rented on a yearly basis and it means that anyone working in the City, for example, knows their car is safe and secure while they are away.

"Many of the houses have their own garages," Charles Oliver says, "but even if your own property does not have a parking space, you can rent an underground space for around £1,800 plus VAT a year. At St George's Field, a development of flats in Albion Street, every property has its own parking space. Some owners who do not need the space rent them out for £20-£30 a week."

Other areas growing in demand are Gloucester Square and Hyde Park Square, Clarendon Place, Connaught Close and Radnor Place. Around St John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, Raynham, Castleacre and Southacre, blocks of flats with 24-hour security and landscaped gardens, are also very popular.

Over the last 12 months, prices have risen by around 20 per cent. A five-bedroom modern house in Oxford Square, for example, saw its value increase from £350,000 to £425,000 and a four-bedroom period house in Albion Street, where all the houses are freehold, went from £470,000 to £570,000.

At the lower end of the market, the W2 area is also making a comeback. Simon Agace, chairman of Winkworths says, "Many younger people in their twenties or early thirties are looking for flats around the £200,000 to £250,000 mark on the Hyde Park Estate."

"During the last two years, buyers in the middle price range have realised that W2 offers very good value for money," says Sean Cusack, director of Foxtons' Notting Hill Gate office. "Often, the large stucco properties offer more space for buyers who are being squeezed out of Notting Hill. W2 is a prestigious address. It just has not received the recognition it deserves."

CORRECTION

Number 115 Eaton Square, London SW1, mentioned on February 8, 1995, is being marketed by Aylesford & Co (0171-351 2383).

Number 12 Eaton Square is being sold through De Groot Collis's Knightsbridge office.

For those who like to bask in the past

Michael Ackroyd looks like a young Martin Chuzzlewit, and his Victorian home provides the authentic setting. He lives in a terrace house dating back to 1898, without electricity, a bathroom or even an inside toilet. But Mr Ackroyd, 28, has always wanted to live in Little Dinner Cottage, near Tamworth, and, even if he won the lottery, would not want to live anywhere else.

"It's so peaceful," says Mr Ackroyd, who lives alone in his two-bedroom home. Mr Ackroyd is the local undertaker. Each day he dons a morning coat and a top hat, leads a Victorian horse-drawn hearse, and plays the organ at the local church.

Having begun collecting artefacts during his childhood, Mr Ackroyd has filled his cottage with local memorabilia. When he moved in two years ago, friends and neighbours filled the house with gifts. The blue velvet curtains at the parlour window were given to him by the local hotel. The church gave him a table and chair, and the local shop gave him a wall unit for his china. All he had to do was pay £30 a week to his landlady and the rest happened naturally.

When the contents of the old village school were auctioned off several years ago, Mr Ackroyd noted buyers' names and has been contacting them ever since to ask if they would sell him any items. He already has the school registers, certificates, photographs, headmaster's cabinet and a teacher's schoolbag dating from 1914. He even persuaded the highest bidder for the school's overmantle to swap it for two pictures.

The previous owner of the cottage was born in an upstairs bedroom, and her parents may have been the first tenants. They did not undertake any modernisation; there is no electricity, and gas still provides lighting as well as cooking facilities.

"At £12 a quarter," he says, "gas is very cheap. I've always been fascinated by gas lights and have about 30 different types. Bright light gives me a headache so I'm happy to put my collection to use. I don't miss anything. I can't stand television and prefer to create my own music, or use my imagination looking for pictures in the fire."

Little Dinner Cottage has no bathroom or electricity, but its tenant wouldn't change a thing

Every room has its original fireplace; each one adorned with bellows, old clocks or candles. There is a cold tap in the scullery but, to have a cup of tea or a wash, Mr Ackroyd heats up a kettle. Three times a week he goes next door to have a hot bath. His mother lives in a modern house just up the road. He visits her twice a week to do his washing. Otherwise, Mr Ackroyd lives entirely in the past.

Mr Ackroyd's cottage is home to a growing collection of local memorabilia

Red quarry tiles cover the floor, and the walk-in pantry is stocked with old war-time packets which create "another world" feel. There is a milk churn at the back door, where Mr Ackroyd stores his daily deliveries. In hot weather, because he has no fridge, he stands his milk in a bucket of cold water. But fresh produce purchased daily, he says, is the safest and most enjoyable solution to life.

According to Mr Ackroyd's mother, his house is a "museum piece". The scullery retains its original locally made blue brick flooring, and the laundry copper in the corner is coal-fired from below to boil water. There are two washing dollies, and a scrubbing board that requires good old-fashioned elbow grease.

Without modern-day facilities, and damp, no ordinary building society would offer Mr Ackroyd a mortgage. He does not want to modernise Little Dinner Cottage and does not have money enough to secure a deposit at the moment but, when he does, the Ecological Building Society could be his salvation.

Anyone determined to live in an historic house, and whose application for a mortgage has been turned down by the more conventional building societies, need not despair. "That's actually in their favour from our point of view," Bob Lowman, chief executive of the Ecology Building Society, says. "Mr Ackroyd's home would be of particular interest to us because it is part of a terrace, making it more energy efficient."

With assets of £15.5 million, Britain's third smallest building society has 430 borrowers and 4,000 investors. From a homely office in the village of Keighley, West Yorkshire, the EBS lends mortgages to people engaged in projects which will benefit the environment. Advances are made on housing that is self-sufficient, saves on non-renewable resources, or makes the most ecological use of land.

Some EBS home owners live in houses as exciting as Mr Ackroyd's. They own 17th-century farms or remote cottages in the bleak Welsh hillside without mains electricity. At 8.6 per cent from January 1, an EBS mortgage is not cheap, and it lends only on a maximum of 80 per cent of the value. "We aren't just a soft touch, and we do not take any old rubbish," Mr Bowman says. "We operate on a very human level." And if all goes well, it could soon be on first name terms with Mr Ackroyd.

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Michael Ackroyd says of life in his cottage near Tamworth: "I don't miss anything"

A spring in the market

Christopher Warman reports on a definite change in the South East

The commercial property market in the South East of England is slowly waking from the hibernation of recession, mirroring an increasingly optimistic picture in London. As activity in the market in the last quarter of 1994 is analysed, giving observers the opportunity for year-on-year comparisons, various trends are identifiable. Vacancy rates are falling, there is a shortage of the best space and new development is beginning again.

Weatherall Green & Smith reports in a survey of the region that office vacancy fell from 17.2 to 14.3 per cent in 1994 as takeup increased to more than 5 million sq ft.

Within the overall picture, there have been notable falls in the amount of empty space in locations including Crawley/Gatwick, Heathrow, Hemel Hempstead, Maidenhead, Milton Keynes, Slough, St Albans, Staines and Uxbridge, and vacancy rates have fallen below 10 per cent in Cambridge, Oxford, Maidstone and Redhill/Reigate.

Marcus Henley, the head of Weatherall's southeast office, believes that rental growth will return this year as the availability of good quality office space is reduced. "There is, for instance, no prime new space available in the Redhill-Reigate area and only 5 per cent of the 116,974 sq ft of current supply is in good-standard secondhand buildings."

The market for the limited supply of good space is therefore very strong, Mr Henley says. "With the emphasis on first-rate buildings, 1995 should see the development markets prospering in Reading, Redhill/Reigate, Maidenhead and Slough." Already there have been several prelettings, including Nokia in Camberley, NorTel in Maidenhead and Norman Insurance in Reading.

Weatherall says that there could be a resurgence in the refurbishment market where it can compete on cost and timing with any new development.

Encouraging signs are emerging from the office market around the M25, as two reports show. By the end of last year, the vacancy rate reached single figures (9.8 per cent) as the total available was reduced to 968,359 sq metres (10.4 million sq ft), Knight Frank & Rutley reports. The supply of new floorspace declined by nearly 25 per cent in 1994, bringing space around the M25 back towards market balance.

Though some parts of the M25 remain well supplied, the south-west quadrant, the area between *the M23 and M4 intersections, is* showing a shortage. At present takeup levels, there will be little or no new space available anywhere in the Gatwick/Surrey market by this autumn.

Knight Frank & Rutley says falling supply is attracting strong interest from developers, although they remain cautious. They are refining existing planning consents, securing their funding and initiating advance marketing campaigns before they go ahead.

As the short supply of new space has stimulated the prelet market, so it has provided strong impetus to the secondhand sector. For the first *time in three years, takeup of* secondhand space in the fourth quarter of 1994 exceeded that of new accommodation.

Richard Ellis, in its latest M25 office market bulletin, reports that in the last quarter of 1994 office space takeup fell for the second consecutive quarter, but this was partly due to a continued lack of choice. "As a result," the agent says, "preletting is likely to become a more significant characteristic of the market during 1995 as occupiers find their choice of built accommodation restricted."

In London, both in Docklands and in the West End, takeup of office space is at its highest for several years. In Docklands, Knight Frank & Rutley reports, takeup in 1994 of 75,620 sq metres (809,000 sq ft) was the highest since 1987, and though only 2 per cent up on 1993, is an indication of underlying improvements.

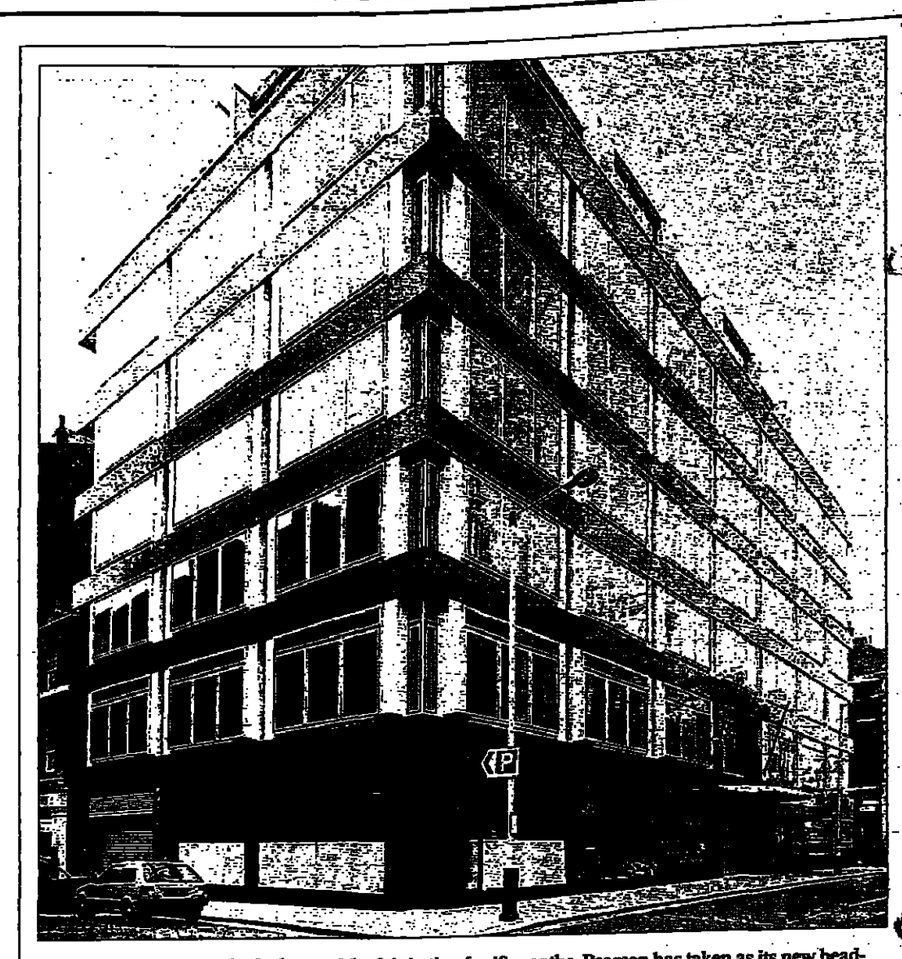
Stephen Newbold, KFR's central London analyst, says: "Tenants' perception of Docklands continues to improve. During 1994, there was a positive change in the nature of demand away from bank-related disaster recovery requirements seen earlier in the year to genuine searches for headquarters premises."

Encouragingly, for the wider Docklands market, tenant demand in 1994 was not focused entirely on Canary Wharf — 78 per cent of space was taken up on the Isle of Dogs outside Canary Wharf.

Present supply is divided almost equally between Canary Wharf and the rest of Docklands, but Canary Wharf seems likely to lead the leasing market during the early stages of this year. "During the short to medium term, the shortage of major new office buildings elsewhere in central London, coupled with progress on the Jubilee Line extension should combine to act in Docklands's favour.

"The regeneration of Docklands, and its true emergence as a premier commercial centre, is dependent upon major occupiers recognising it as a location from which they can do business. This is now happening," Mr Newbold says.

He pointed to a similar situation in the West End, where the takeup of office space in 1994 rose by 11.2 per cent. There are variations of availability, ranging from a low of 6.5 per cent in Victoria to 13.2 per cent in the core of Mayfair and St James's.

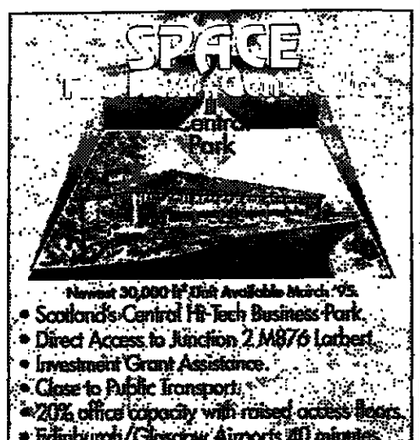


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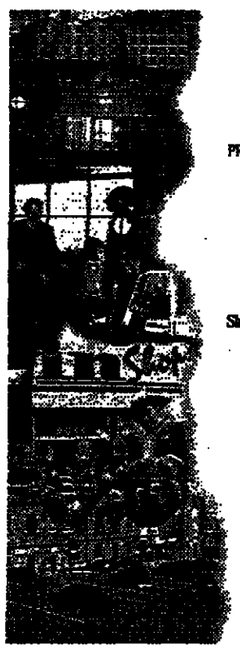
The Corporation currently has a rental stock of 3,345 properties and 160 lock-up garages generating an annual gross rental income of approximately £5,366,000.

This stock will probably be divided into five ballot areas for disposal, reflecting the number of Corporation tenants in established communities within Irvine New Town. These ballot areas range in size from 113 to 1492 properties.

Landlords who are interested in acquiring Corporation housing stock are invited to request an overview package which provides information on acceptable landlords, ballot areas, financial profiles, and the evaluation process. This package will guide prospective landlords in deciding whether to formally register an interest and, if they intend to do so, in which ballot areas.

Formal registrations of interest, on an area by area basis, are required by February 28 1995. Detailed stock profiles, specifications and maps will be forwarded on a ballot area basis to landlords who have registered interest. Landlords will be requested to submit their outline proposals for acquiring stock, based on this detailed specification package, by April 18 1995.

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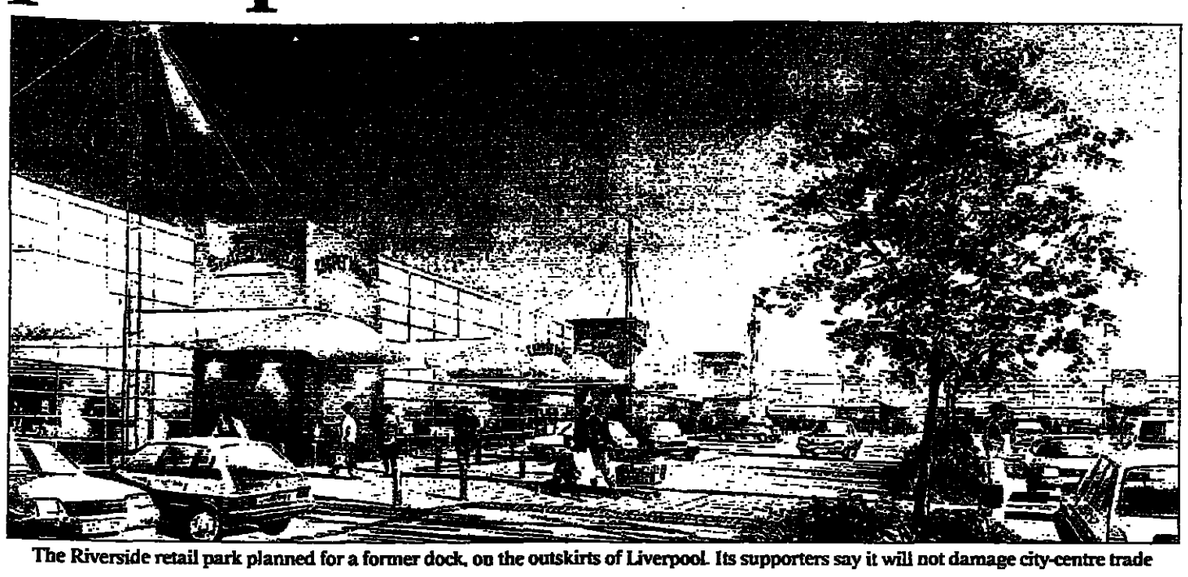


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Liverpool plan awaits its fate

Developers hope an edge-of-town scheme will meet planning guidelines. Christopher Warman reports



The Riverside retail park planned for a former dock, on the outskirts of Liverpool. Its supporters say it will not damage city-centre trade

One of the last big sites on Merseyside awaiting redevelopment has been granted planning consent by Merseyside Development Corporation for a £20 million retail park at Herculaneum, a former dock, on the outskirts of Liverpool.

Plans for the proposed Riverside retail park provide for a total of 200,000 sq ft of retail space, a size that means the scheme has to be determined by the Secretary of State for the Environment. His decision is expected soon.

The park, designed by John Seifert, is a project by Berkeley-C.A.P., a joint venture company set up for the purpose. It is being funded by Berkeley Commercial, part of the Berkeley Group plc, and jointly developed by Berkeley Commercial Developments and Capital and Albemarle Properties.

The scheme envisages 11 main retail units, ranging from 7,500 sq ft upwards. The park, to be set in landscaped grounds, will include restaurants, craft workshops, a petrol station and a food store.

Robert Tincknell of Berkeley Commercial Developments, who is optimistic about government approval, said he and his colleagues had had to tackle the contentious issue of whether the scheme breached government guidelines on taking trade away from city centres. "We believe it will not have an unfair impact on the vitality and viability of existing shopping centres in Liverpool," he said. "The city centre is strong enough to survive."

An impact study commissioned by Berkeley-C.A.P. concluded that, taking the market-penetration figure of between 9 and 12 per cent as a measure of the retail impact on the area's shopping facilities, the scheme would have a small effect on shopping patterns and turnover in an expanding market. "Considerable shopping benefits," it said, "will be generated through the attraction of additional shoppers to the area and the promotion of increased competition."

The other issue at stake is transportation and its impact on the environment. A report by W.A. Fairhurst, the consulting structural and civil engineers, concluded that with more choice in the type of transport available, including special buses, the distance travelled by cars in Liverpool would be cut by 9 per cent, which would reduce exhaust emissions. A new railway station is due to open within five minutes' walk.

The site for the retail park is close to "Pleasure Island", a leisure park built on the site of the 1984 International Garden Festival. With the successful development of the Liverpool waterfront within the Merseyside Development Corporation regeneration area, including Albert Dock, the Brunswick business park and HM Customs and Excise headquarters at Queen's Dock, the area now has 1,000 new homes, as well as 2,000 firms employing 32,000 staff.

The park is expected to provide 600 permanent jobs, plus a further 300 indirectly. If approved, work will start by the end of the summer, and Riverside should be open for trade by summer 1996.

MARKET MOVES

Progress for a retail-leisure park

THE development of Bluewater Park, a 1.6 million sq ft retail and leisure scheme by the M25 at Dartford, Kent, has moved a stage nearer, with a submission by Lend Lease Global Investments, the developer, of a refined plan to Dartford council.

Peter Walicknowski, Lend Lease's managing director, claims Bluewater is the biggest scheme of its kind in Europe. The latest design includes an on-site police station, multiplex cinema and lakeside walks.

● *OVERSEAS investors will be out in force at Mipim, the international property market, which takes place in Cannes from March 9 to 12. Several French institutions are said to be seeking to cut losses on their portfolios after a difficult year, and investors are likely to go to the fair in the hope of profiting from any sell-offs.*

School sale

WOODLEE training centre near Egham in Surrey has been sold by the Employment Service to the American Community School for a figure reported to be above the £2 million asking price. Set in more than 16 acres close to the edge of Windsor Great Park, the former rehabilitation centre includes a mansion dating from around 1876 and includes modern residential and training accommodation.

The American Community School, founded in 1967, has more than 1,800 students and is one of Europe's largest independent schools.

Grimley change

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NEWS

Cabinet wars force down pound

■ Senior Conservatives told John Major that it was time for the Cabinet to show discipline as the party's incessant turmoil over Europe took its toll on the pound. The executive of the 1922 committee is understood to have voiced anger over the behaviour of warring Cabinet ministers.

On the day that the pound fell to its lowest level against the Deutschemark for two years Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, told Tory MPs that political uncertainties about Britain's attitude to Europe are contributing to the weakness of sterling .....Page 1

Top brass to go in Army cuts

■ Eight major generals are to be axed in the last phase of a series of redundancies which have reduced manpower by more than 17,000 soldiers and officers since 1990 .....Page 1

Jill Phipps funeral

More than 1,000 mourners were at the Coventry Cathedral funeral of Jill Phipps, the woman already described as the first animal suffragette..... Pages 1, 2

Student dole

Ministers moved to crack down on more than 80,000 students taking courses on the dole, after claims that colleges were tailoring programmes to take advantage of the system ..... Pages 1, 9

Belfast talks

The British and Irish Governments held four hours of talks in Belfast in an attempt to finalise the forthcoming Anglo-Irish framework document ..... Page 1

Immigration promise

John Major said that he would ensure the European Union allowed Britain to retain border controls. The European Court of Justice is preparing hearings on the issue ..... Pages 2, 10

Doing better

School inspectors will focus more closely on standards in the "three Rs" under proposals that aim to cut paperwork and make reports parent-friendly ..... Page 4

Police car taken

A personal assistant to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, faced disciplinary action after a court was told how she had taken a Special Branch car while over the drink-drive limit .....Page 5

Climbers die

Treacherous weather on Ben Nevis and Glencoe have claimed two more climbers in spite of the efforts of mountain rescuers who battled in darkness, blizzards and sub-zero temperatures to find them .....Page 6

Fruit juice danger

Children who have high quantities of fruit drinks are falling ill with a syndrome that slows their growth, doctors say .....Page 7

Cheaper holidays

Holidaymakers taking their cars to France through the Channel Tunnel this summer will save £10 compared with the cost of using the Channel ferry .....Page 8

TV quotas rejected

French attempts to forge new European barriers to American "cultural colonialism" appeared doomed after Germany joined Britain in rejecting tighter quotas on imported TV ..... Page 11

Student army

A newly formed army of Islamic students capped its stunning advance through Afghanistan by overrunning a key rebel base south of Kabul ..... Page 12

Draconian plan

Ariel Sharon outlined a draconian plan for dealing with Islamic terrorism, including the deportation of the families of suicide bombers and helicopter assaults on the Gaza Strip ..... Page 13

Family battle over £15 million will

■ The family of Maureen, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava began legal proceedings to challenge her right to leave her grandchildren a fortune estimated at £15 million. Lady Dufferin, 88, who lives in Knightsbridge, west London, wants to settle a family trust fund in favour of Evgenia Sands, 30 and Ivana Citkovitz, 28, who live in America ..... Page 3



OMAR TORRES

Mexican soldiers take cover as shots ring out from a village controlled by the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army. Page 11

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Electricity: The gloves are off for the first hostile takeover bid for a privatised utility. Conditional clearance was granted to the £1.2 billion bid by Trafalgar House for Northern Electric .....Page 25

Pay: Non-executive directors of companies now earn an average of £14,400 for 15 days' work a year, a new survey will reveal .....Page 25

Lloyd's: A High Court judge ruled that more than 3,000 Lloyd's Gooda Walker names should receive £210 million as an early payment of their damages arising from last year's action .....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 9.8 to 3071.3. Sterling's index fell from 78.8 to 78.3 after a fall from $1.5638 to $1.5568 and from DM2.3743 to DM2.3562 .....Page 28

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Football: Warren Barton, of Wimbledon, will win his first cap for England against the Republic of Ireland tonight. Matthew Le Tissier is also selected ..... Page 48

Rugby union: Rory Underwood has scored 41 international tries at grounds all over the world but not at Cardiff Arms Park. He hopes to rectify this on Saturday .... Page 46

Cricket: An innings of 70 by Mark Ramprakash enabled England A to square their one-day series against India A with a three-wicket victory in Ahmedabad .....Page 45

£2m player: George Graham, the Arsenal manager, took his recent spending to £6 million when he completed the signing of Glenn Helder, the Dutch winger, for about £2 million ..... Page 48

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Berlin bound: Introspection rules at the Berlin Film Festival, as the opening film, *The Promise*, follows the 30-year history of two lovers separated when the Berlin Wall went up in 1961 .....Page 39

Contests and quibbles: The row over who builds the new Cardiff Opera House may be over but Marcus Binney anticipates similar incidents if competition rules are not clarified .....Page 41

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Consummate Creation: John Eliot Gardiner conducted a fine period-instrument performance of Haydn's *The Creation* ..... Page 41

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The other Mandela

By sacking Mrs Mandela from his Cabinet, the South African President would be likely to anger party radicals. He would be unlikely, however, to provoke open insurrection ..... Page 17

Responsible doctrine

To claim that one social group is more likely than another to commit crime or act immorally is a grotesque form of condemnation, perhaps the most sweeping stigma a society can apply ..... Page 17

You made it, Oscar

A final paradox is that his audiences forgave Oscar for his genius long before Poets' Corner caught up with them. Oscar's sins were painted scarlet, but his jokes are still read ..... Page 17

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CHARLES WARDLE

When I checked I found parking spaces worth at least £250,000 a year filled with thousands of new chairs, desks and cabinets, purchased and dumped there, some for more than a year .....Page 16

SIMON JENKINS

The aerial bomber is excused moral responsibility. He is protected by jargon: "take out", "de-house", "render inoperable". He does not kill civilians. A phenomenon known as "collateral damage" does that .....Page 16

PETER RIDDELL

A collapse can no longer be completely ruled out. Past governments have become so divided that they lose the will to carry on ..... Page 9

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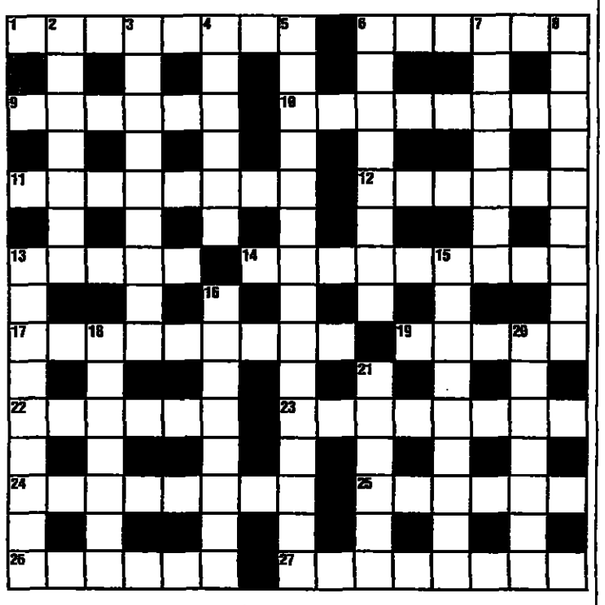
■ HUB CAP
Willie Newlands on why Lille has become Europe's rail capital

THE PAPERS

The democracies of Europe and America, working together, have been one of history's most successful combinations. To say that this alliance's day is over because its latest adversary surrendered five years ago is a *non sequitur*
— International Herald Tribune

After years of dodging questions about his health and drinking, Boris Yeltsin owes his country and the world a candid accounting
— The New York Times

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Monday: Highest day temp: Bristol, 13C (55F); lowest day max: Inverbervie, Grampian, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Tenby, Dyfed, 1.22in; highest sunshine: Clacton, Essex, 3.9hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have clear or sunny spells, and blustery showers mostly in the west. Very windy, with strong to gale force southwesterlies, but mostly quite mild.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have bright or sunny intervals, but also a lot of showers, some heavy or thundery. Northern Scotland and the Northern Isles will have rain at times. Very windy, with strong to gale force westerlies, perhaps severe gale in the far north. Temperatures near normal.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E, Central N England, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** clear or sunny spells, a few showers. Wind strong, gusty southwesterly. Maximum temperature 10C (50F).

☐ **Central S England, SW England, NW England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales:** clear or sunny intervals. Showers, heavy at times. Wind strong southwesterly, gale force near exposed coasts. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland:** showers, heavy and thundery at times, and wintry on hills. Wind strong to gale force westerly, severe gale in northwest Scotland at first. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** cloudy with rain at times, some heavy. Wind strong to gale force westerly. Max 3C (37F).

☐ **Outlook for tomorrow and Friday:** sunny spells and showers in the north, rain for a time in the south.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	X				
Anglesey	X				
Aspatria	1.7	0.07	11	52	sh
Aviemore	0.5	0.02	6	43	r
Belfast	0.8	0.06	9	48	sl
Birmingham	1.5	0.12	11	52	r
Bognor R	0.9	0.28	10	50	r
Bournem'th	1.3	0.09	12	54	sh
Bristol	X				
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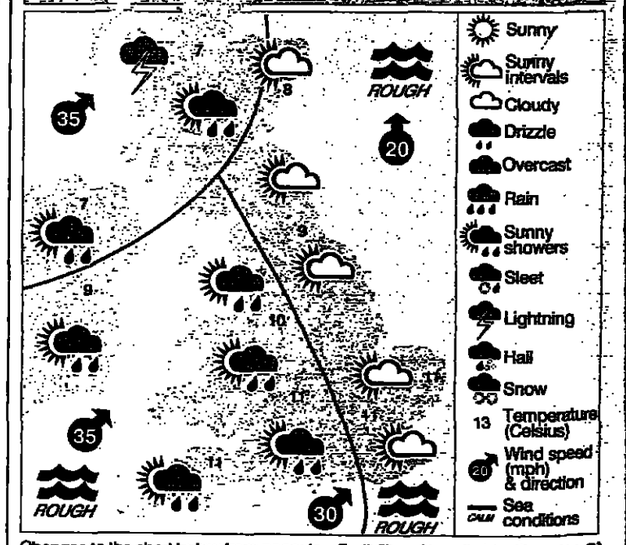
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Belgrade	15	59	s	Hong K	17	63	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
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Bermuda	19	66	f	Istanbul	7	45	f	N Delhi	21	70	s
Biarritz	16	61	r	Jeddah	30	86	f	N York	-8	21	s
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Chicago	-6	21	s	L Angels	14	57	f	Reykjavik	-2	28	s
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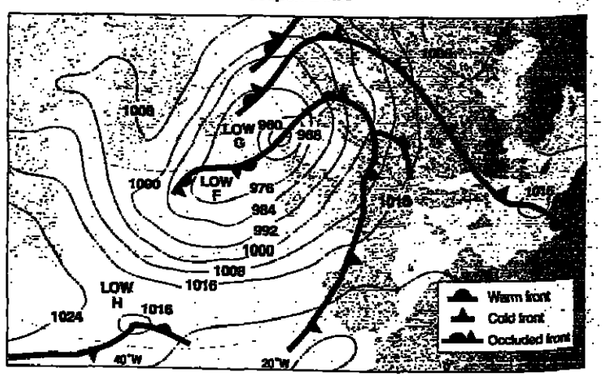
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AROUND TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1:31	6.64	1:53	6.81	Leith	2:24	5.23	2:44	5.42
Aberdeen	1:20	4.13	1:30	4.31	Liverpool	11:12	9.24	11:33	9.20
Avonmouth	7:05	12.78	7.27	12.77	Lowestoft	9:43	2.36	8:40	2.53
Belfast	10:57	3.42	11.19	3.16	Margate	–	–	0.09	4.52
Cardiff	6:50	11.34	7:13	11.30	Milford Haven	8:05	6.75	8:25	6.74
Devonport	5:37	5.37	6 02	5.22	Newquay	4.55	6.51	5:12	6.56
Dover	10:53	6 34	11.14	6.54	Oban	5.42	3.87	6.09	3.89
Dublin	11:35	3.99	11 48	3.83	Penzance	4:37	5.33	4.55	5.32
Falmouth	4:51	4.99	5.10	4 88	Portland	6.39	2.03	7.07	1.93
Glasgow	0'41	4.22	10'14	3.38	Portsmouth	11:11	4.54	11:35	4.65
Harwich	11:53	3.79	–	–	Shoreham	11:00	6.08	11:25	6.17
Holyhead	10.14	5.46	10:34	5.32	Southampton	10:41	4.54	11:03	4.51
Hull	6:12	6.89	6.23	7.45	Swansea	6:17	9.19	6:40	9.20
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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 7.16 am
Sun sets: 5.15 pm
Moon sets 6.49 am
Moon rises 5.43 pm
Full moon today

London 5.15 pm to 7.14 am
Bristol 5.25 pm to 7.23 am
Edinburgh 5.16 pm to 7.37 am
Manchester 5.18 pm to 7.27 am
Penzance 5.40 pm to 7.32 am

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Trafalgar bid for Northern escapes MMC

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE gloves are off in the first hostile takeover bid for a privatised utility company after Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, gave conditional clearance for the £1.2 billion bid by Trafalgar House for Northern Electric.

Northern, whose shares rocketed £1.16p to £10.81p on the news, is expected to defend itself this week by unveiling incentives for shareholders to remain loyal, including special dividends and share buybacks. These could be worth well over £1 a share.

The Department of Trade and Industry announcement sparked sharp rises in the shares of other electricity companies, raised hopes of a wave of bids from other predators and brought condemnation from unions and Labour.

Yorkshire, where the 8 per cent stake built by market-makers at Swiss Banking Corporation, Trafalgar's adviser, is regarded as a loose holding, jumped 73p to 884p. Hanson, which yesterday reported a further stage in its profits recovery, is touted as a possible bidder.

Among regional electricity companies to see their shares rise were Manweb in the North West, up 54p to 854p, Seeboard in the South East, up 28p to 463p, and South West Electricity, up 50p to 854p.

Mr Heseltine, in accordance with the views of the Office of Fair Trading, decided not to refer the offer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. A referral would have stalled the bid in a months-long inquiry. A DTI statement said that "Trafalgar House have given Mr Heseltine assurances to address the regulatory concerns" of Professor Stephen Littlechild at Offer, the regulator.

Mr Heseltine's decision has, however, flown in the face of advice from Professor Littlechild, who said "on balance" that a reference to the MMC would have been "beneficial".

Trafalgar, in helping Mr Heseltine reach his decision, has made various assurances:

- "Sufficient financial and management resources" would be made available to Northern under its ownership for it to function;
- Professor Littlechild would be given any information he needs to carry out his regulatory functions;
- The group will co-operate to ensure appropriate financial separation and independence for Northern;
- It will ensure that Northern agrees to amendments to its licence.

Trafalgar and Professor Littlechild started talks over the necessary licence changes. Trafalgar says there will be no difficulty in reaching agreement with the regulator.

Under the bid timetable, Northern has until this Friday to put any relevant new financial information into a defence document, and that day is seen as the most likely for any shareholder incentives to be revealed. Trafalgar has another week to raise its offer, whose cash element, at £10.48, is well below the current Northern share price.

David Morris, chairman of Northern, welcomed a "firm" decision from the DTI, even though Northern had lobbied for a reference. He looked forward to showing shareholders the value of their investment.

Jack Cunningham, Shadow Trade Secretary, said that the decision was "deeply unsatisfactory", while Unison, Britain's largest union, said it was "open house for predators wanting to make a killing out of our electricity industry".

More palpable evidence of union and local anger could come today at an extraordinary meeting in Newcastle of shareholders in Northern to consider the relaxation, called for by Trafalgar, of a 15 per cent limit on ownership.

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Non-executives paid £14,400 for 15 days' work

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

COMPANY non-executive board directors earn an average of £14,400 for 15 days' work a year, a survey of corporate pay will reveal today.

The latest findings on top executives' pay come a day after Sir Desmond Pitcher, chairman of North West Water, gave evidence about his pay to the Commons' all-party Select Committee on Employment.

The survey, by the pay and benefits consultants Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, shows that the average figure for non-executive board members rises to £18,750 for 15 days in large organisations with more than £600 million turnover.

The study, of a sample of 311 non-executive directors in 102 companies, was completed this month. It shows that a typical non-executive director holds similar positions on four other management boards and 56 per cent also have a full-time job as an executive director on the board of another company.

Non-executive chairmen earn an average of £33,750 for 30 days' contracted work, the survey shows, with an average figure for large companies as high as £57,000. Some 52 per cent of non-executive chairmen hold a full-time executive position on the board of another company.

About a third of non-executive directors' contracts are fixed-term, with three-quarters of those for three years. But rolling contracts are less common, with only 8 per cent of non-executives employed on that basis.

Andy Christie, SNL remuneration director, says: "On the whole, the fees earned by non-executive directors are roughly equivalent to the going rate for management consultancy services, although they can earn significantly more in large corporations."

Arise Sir Gavin and ...



... arise Sir Ronald



Sir Gavin Laird, General Secretary of the Amalgamated Electrical and Engineering Union (top), and Sir Ronald Hampel, chief executive of ICI, received knighthoods at an investiture held yesterday at Buckingham Palace

Judge awards Lloyd's names interim £210m

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

A HIGH COURT judge yesterday ruled that more than 3,000 Lloyd's Gooda Walker names should receive £210 million as early payment of their damages awarded in last year's successful action. This is the biggest interim payment in English legal history.

The payment averages £68,500 per name, against an average loss of £200,000.

The judge, Mr Justice Phillips, has yet to rule on total damages names will receive. However, yesterday he said: "The likelihood is that substantially larger sums will be awarded than those that make up my interim payment order." The statement adds weight to the names' argument that the total award could be as high as £504 million, a figure ridiculed by the Lloyd's agents who suggested a sum as little as £37 million.

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Action Group, said that he was delighted by the judgment, especially as interim awards are at a judge's discretion.

Mr Justice Phillips ordered that the errors and omissions insurers of the 71 Lloyd's agents found negligent in last October's court action pay the £210 million within 14 days.

The award, payment of which the E&O underwriters are expected to try to stall, will be divided among action group members in proportion to losses. Mr Deeny declared the award "great news for the names". He said: "Our losses at Lloyd's are inflicting terrible hardship on many members of the action group and this interim payment brings much closer the day they will finally obtain compensation."

Mr Justice Phillips, in handing down his judgment, said that the E&O underwriters will have to pay interest if they fail to meet the 14-day payment deadline. As an added bonus, he said that interest payments would come from the E&O insurers' pockets, rather than from the E&O cover. This is a disincentive for delaying payment as it is equal to an annual interest bill of more than £18 million.

Lloyd's has renewed its attempt for first claim on any litigation proceeds by seeking a court judgment on whether it can change the terms of names' premium trust deeds.

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Saatchi & Saatchi suing Maurice and Charles

SAATCHI & SAATCHI is suing Maurice and Charles Saatchi for up to $40 million to block their plans for a rival advertising agency. Saatchi & Saatchi hopes to establish a claim over funds paid to the brothers and their private investment company, Hatzone, as a result of an investment in the Adidas sports goods group (Jon Ashworth writes).

The brothers received the money as settlement in a dispute with Robert Louis-Dreyfus, former chief executive of Saatchi & Saatchi. He took a 15 per cent stake in Adidas in 1993 with financial backing from the Saatchis, but they later fell out over the ownership of share options.

The brothers were paid a "substantial" sum to settle the dispute — reportedly up to $40 million. It has been speculated that the money is funding attempts to create a rival agency. Saatchi & Saatchi is expected to argue that the settlement was, in effect, payment for marketing work.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3071.3	(-9.8)
Yield	4.27%	
FT-SE A All share	n/a	
Nikkei	18138.47	(-175.39)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3953.20	(-1.01)*
S&P Composite	481.27	(-0.38)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 15/16%*	(6%)
Long Bond	99 2/32*	(99 1/32)
Yield	7.64%*	(7.67%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6 13/16%	(6 25/32%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	101	(100 15/16)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5575*	(1.5631)
London:		
$	1.5575	(1.5633)
DM	2.3585	(2.3764)
FFr	8.1710	(8.2390)
SFr	1.9907	(2.0059)
Yen	153.60	(154.18)
£ Index	78.3	(78.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5137*	(1.5210)
FFr	5.2440*	(5.2695)
SFr	1.2781*	(1.2853)
Yen	98.61*	(98.72)
$ Index	62.4	(62.5)

Tokyo close Yen 98.75

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Apr) $16.75 ($16.75)

GOLD

London close $375.95 ($374.25)

* denotes midday trading price

Building fall

Britain's construction industry saw new orders fall sharply last year as deep cuts in public spending on infrastructure and housing compounded falls in private sector investment. The biggest cut occurred in government spending on roads, railways and similar projects, which were 60 per cent down on 1993. Page 26

Share prices

Technical problems at our supplier of share prices mean that midday prices are shown apart from the closing figures given for the FT-SE 100 stocks in bold. We apologise. Page 30

BP reaches targets early on way to £1.5bn profit

BY GEORGE SIVELL, ASSISTANT BUSINESS EDITOR

LAST year was the best year for BP since the freak figures of 1986, when profits were raised by huge tax credits arising from falling oil prices.

The oil group declared yesterday that it has achieved one year ahead of schedule the financial targets it set itself during the traumas of high debts and falling oil prices in 1992, which led to the departure of Bob Horton as chairman.

For 1994 BP raised profits after exceptional items from £896 million to £1,515 million, matching City forecasts. In the final quarter of 1994, profits rose to £411 million from £409 million in the third. This was the best final quarter result since 1990, when soaring oil prices boosted figures.

Fresh targets of $3 billion profits, $8 billion of debts and disciplined capital spending of up to $4.5 billion have been set for 1996.

The result, however, has been achieved at the cost of a halving of the group's workforce since 1989 from 120,000 to 60,000. Of the further 7,500 jobs that went during 1994, a number were part of disposal packages.



Simon: upbeat on prices

The quarterly dividend rises to 3p a share from 2.5p in the third quarter and 2.1p in the final quarter of last year. Total dividend for the year rises to 10.5p from 8.4p. Before the 1992 horrors, the annual dividend stood at 16.8p. The records were achieved despite an 8 per cent fall in the average oil price during 1994 and the fall in the margins on oil refining of more than one fifth during the year. BP put the improvement down to lower costs, lower interest charges, and better profit margins on chemicals business.

Debts have fallen from a peak $16.5 billion in mid-1992 to $10.5 billion at the end of 1994, or from 90 per cent to 60 per cent of shareholders' funds.

David Simon, BP's chief executive, was upbeat on oil prices. He pointed out that the Opec deal in November had supported prices, adding: "The sentiment for future oil prices remains reasonably balanced, with increases in demand likely to be matched by higher production."

BP is less optimistic, however, about the immediate future for refining, which went into a loss for the fourth quarter.

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Pound threatens record low

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pound could fall to its all-time low of DM2.3147 against the mark and beyond, currency economists predicted yesterday after a day in which concerted selling took sterling through long-standing technical support levels.

The currency traded at DM2.3575 late yesterday, well below the lowest point reached in 1994 of DM2.3710. Analysts said that the pound's situation was not yet a crisis but that a negative momentum, based on worries about the Government's problems, is building. Some believe it is only a matter of time before sterling hits its all-time low, reached after the pound left the ERM.

Citibank's forecast for this year predicted that the pound would reach a low of DM2.25, a prediction which had seemed overly pessimistic. Neil MacKinnon, Citibank's senior currency economist, said yesterday: "That looked radical at the time but now looks much more plausible."

Economists are also looking for the pound to weaken against the dollar, despite the fact that the US currency is struggling itself. The dollar traded at 1.5610 against the pound late yesterday but some are looking for it to appreciate to 1.49. Rumours yesterday that the Bank of England had intervened in sterling's support were unconfirmed. However, the Bank has been more actively talking to currency rooms in the large banks recently in an attempt to ascertain the reasons behind sterling's weakness.

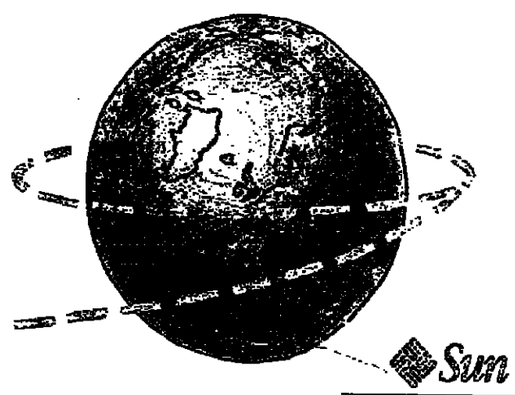
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AIB debts shrink and profits jump 16%

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

ALLIED IRISH BANKS, the Irish banking and financial services group, said a substantial improvement in its British operations and better performances in Ireland and America helped it to a 16.6 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to Ir£341.2 million last year.

Bad-debt provisions were significantly lower, falling from Ir£127.6 million to Ir£62.9 million. Tom Mulcahy, AIB's chief executive, said this reflected improvements in credit quality and recovery from recession in the UK and Ireland. Costs were reduced, with total operating expenses down 0.4 per cent to Ir£783.8 million and staff costs down by 2.5 per cent.

The total dividend rises 12.8 per cent to Ir11p, with a Ir6.4p final payment.

Profits in its AIB Bank division, which includes retail and commercial operations in the Irish Republic, Britain and Northern Ireland and Ark Life, its life assurance unit, were 27 per cent higher at Ir£187.5 million. Profits in the British operations were 150 per cent higher at Ir£39 million.

Lending growth in Ireland was 10 per cent higher, with particularly strong demand for home loans. In the US, the bank improved profits 25 per cent to Ir£109.5 million, helped by better credit quality in its First Maryland Bancorp arm and AIB New York.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Hugh Feeley, group general manager of Allied Irish Banks, left, and Neil Dean, chief finance officer

Spending cuts compound construction industry woes

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S construction industry saw new orders fall sharply last year as deep cuts in public spending on infrastructure and housing compounded falls in private sector investment.

The contraction, which accelerated sharply during the final quarter, was confirmed by official figures published yesterday. The biggest cut occurred in government spending on roads, railways and similar projects, which was 60 per cent down on 1993.

The figures were described as "very disturbing" by Richard Horton, a spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. "Recent savage cuts in government spending are taking their toll," he said. "Even the private commercial sector, which for the last six months has been an area of hope for the industry, is showing signs of declining actitivity."

According to provisional figures from the Environment Department, the total volume of new orders received by the construction industry was 21 per cent down in the final quarter of 1994, compared with the same months of 1993. For the year as a whole, orders, at £21.3 billion, were down 1 per cent in volume terms on the 1993 total.

Environment officials said there was a general decline across almost all sectors in the latter part of the year. New orders in the private housing sector fell 8 per cent between the second and third quarters to a level 4 per cent down, year on year. Public housing and housing association orders were up 10 per cent in the last quarter, but down 22 per cent, year on year.

Infrastructure orders fell 13 per cent between the second and third quarters to a level 60 per cent below the same months of 1993, while private industrial orders fell 25 per cent in the final quarter of 1993 to a point 8 per cent lower than the previous year.

Even in the private commercial sector, orders fell 12 per cent during the final months of the year to close 9 per cent down, year on year.

The fall in infrastructure spending reflects the scale of government economies, and the failure of the much-vaunted Private Finance Initiative to take up the slack, let alone remedy shortcomings in Britain's transport system, schools and hospitals that have been highlighted by the Confederation of British Industry.

The slowdown in construction will add to widespread concern that — manufacturing apart — the recovery remains weak. Figures from the January Retail Trades survey of the CBI, published yesterday, showed sales in the shops little changed, year on year.

Mortgage lending slumps 19%

BY ROBERT MILLER

MORTGAGE lending slumped 19 per cent in January according to the latest Barclays Bank index.

The drop in monthly figures prompted Garry Skelton, head of Barclays' mortgages, to give a warning that "volatility in the housing market has undermined traditional seasonal patterns so levels of activity during the next few months will be critical". In the year to January 31, lending rose 7.7 per cent.

On a regional basis, the North West "came down with a bump" in January, with a fall of 40 per cent on December's high.

Barclays said that this appeared to have been affected by a very specific downturn in the Liverpool area and that it was too early to say whether "this change is a reflection of a change in the fortunes for the whole region".

Central and Greater London were the least affected, while Central England was down 24 per cent in January and East Anglia fell 28 per cent. Both areas, however, showed increases on the same period last year.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.03
Austria Sch	17.66	16.16
Belgium Fr	51.70	47.40
Canada $	2.281	2.121
Cyprus Cypf	0.772	0.717
Denmark Kr	9.93	9.13
Finland Mkk	7.84	7.19
France Fr	8.65	8.00
Germany Dm	2.52	2.31
Greece Dr	392.00	367.00
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Ireland Pt	1.05	0.97
Israel	5.2041	4.4541
Italy Lira	2515.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	168.00	152.00
Malta	0.611	0.556
Netherlds Gld	2.805	2.575
Norway Kr	10.96	10.16
Portugal Esc	255.50	237.00
S Africa Rd	nst.	5.27
Spain Pta	211.50	197.50
Sweden Kr	12.16	11.36
Switzerland Fr	2.13	1.95
Turkey Lira	refer	62097.0
USA $	1.654	1.524

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Insurance complaints reap £9.5m in rewards

BY ROBERT MILLER

CONSUMER complaints to the Insurance Ombudsman increased for the fifth consecutive year, with a record £9.5 million being paid in compensation last year.

The highest individual award, for £167,600, concerned the mismanagement of an investment bond and included a sum for lost interest. The lowest award, for £3, involved the cancellation of a motor policy in mid-term.

The largest category of complaints to Laurie Slade, the Insurance Ombudsman, concerned financial services disputes involving life, pensions and term assurance policies. Nearly 3,000 of the 8,500 cases referred to the ombudsman last year related to financial services. Of these, the selling practices of product providers was the greatest source of dissatisfaction.

Mr Slade, who succeeded Dr Julian Farrand last summer after he was appointed as the new Pensions Ombudsman, said: "The rules of the regulators only provide a minimum standard for product providers. They are looking for a safe harbour and feel that as long as they can put a tick beside each item on the rule check list they have done enough. But they should go much further than the minimum. Good faith is a mutual obligation for insurers as much as policyholders."

Of the 7,182 cases closed during the year, about 36 per cent were decided in favour of the policyholder, with 60 per cent of the insurers' decisions being upheld and 4 per cent being withdrawn.

The ombudsman revised the insurers' initial decision in favour of the policyholder in 36 per cent of cases. The reversal of the company's decision in life assurance and investment disputes rose 3 percentage points to 42 per cent.

The ombudsman said that he had stopped processing complaints relating to pension transfers and opt-outs from occupational schemes until further guidelines had been issued by the regulators.

The most common complaints over general insurance concerned motor policies, with 1,123 complaints, and household policies, with 1,695 complaints.

BUSINESS ROUND

American retail sales show modest rise

US RETAIL sales rose modestly in January, the Commerce Department said yesterday, an eighth straight monthly rise despite a dip in demand for new cars. Total retail sales were up 0.2 per cent to a seasonally adjusted $193.2 billion after a sharply revised 0.2 per cent gain in December that previously was reported as a 0.1 per cent decline. Sales by new car dealers fell 0.6 per cent in January after a 0.2 per cent December gain. It was the first decline in the key category since a 1 per cent fall last July, officials said.

New cars account for about a fifth of total retail sales, so swings in demand strongly affect the overall monthly figures. Excluding autos, retail sales were up 0.4 per cent in January and rose 0.1 per cent in December. The last time overall retail sales fell was last April. They were flat in May and then began rising in an unbroken string in June. There were reports that auto-dealer inventories were on the rise in January and more dealers began offering discounts, a sign that consumer demand might be starting to weaken.

Court order on FMI

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, has obtained a High Court order appointing the Official Receiver, Michael Pugh, as provisional liquidator of Financial Management International (FMI) pending an SIB petition for the compulsory winding up of the company. Financial Management International, which was authorised to hold client money, was ordered last month to stop taking any further investment business by Fimbra, its regulator. FMI's creditors are meeting in the City today at Poppleton & Appleby, insolvency practitioners, to consider a creditors' voluntary liquidation.

Buffet buys Amex stake

AMERICAN EXPRESS said that Warren Buffett has bought nearly 10 per cent of the financial services giant, sending its stock sharply higher. Through Berkshire Hathaway, his holding company and its subsidiaries, Mr Buffett has acquired 9.8 per cent of American Express and indicated he would seek clearance from government regulators to buy more, the company said. An investment by Mr Buffett, who also owns stakes in Coca-Cola, Salomon Brothers, Wells Fargo & Co, and USAir Group, is viewed as a stamp of approval on Wall Street.

Brent crude exchange

THE International Petroleum Exchange in London and the Singapore International Monetary Exchange (Simex) are to launch a mutual offset system for trading Brent crude futures on June 9, it was announced yesterday. Under the arrangement, each contract worth 1,000 barrels of crude oil can be bought or sold in London and Singapore during an extended 18-hour period and positions can be opened and closed on either exchange. Elizabeth Sam, chairman of Simex, said that the agreement would assist in the development of the energy futures market in Asia.

Volatility hits TR

TR PACIFIC Investment Trust blamed stock market volatility in the Far East last month for wiping £20 million off the value of the £140 million trust. For all of 1994, however, the trust's gross revenue rose to £2.8 million against £2.3 million in 1993. Net assets per share fell by 13.8 per cent from 121.2p to 104.5p. Michael Watt, TR Pacific's manager, said the poor performance of most Far East markets was offset by a high level of investment in the better performing markets of South Korea and Taiwan and a 50 per cent reduction in exposure to Hong Kong. The net dividend was maintained at 0.175p a share.

Cost of foreign bids

EXPENDITURE on acquisitions overseas by UK companies in the final three months of 1994 rose to £5.5 billion, the highest quarterly total since the third quarter of 1989, according to figures compiled by the Central Statistical Office. For the year as a whole, UK companies spent £15.1 billion, the highest annual figure since 1989, although the number of deals in 1994 was lower than in previous years. Expenditure on acquisitions in the UK by overseas companies slightly increased in value to £1.4 billion, compared with £1.2 billion in the third quarter.

Watertight warning



OFWAT, the water industry regulator, plans new measures to ensure that diversification by water utilities into other businesses does not harm the core water and sewerage activities. Ian Byatt, left, Director-General of Ofwat, said: "I do not have statutory powers to involve myself in company activities outside the core business ... (but companies) are under a duty to me to ringfence the appointed water and sewerage businesses."

PIA urged to issue board statement

BY ROBERT MILLER

LABOUR PARTY officials and the Consumers' Association attacked the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) for not issuing a statement after the regulator held a critical board meeting yesterday to discuss personal pensions mis-selling.

The PIA is due to issue detailed guidance on how pension providers should review the hundreds of thousands of cases where people were wrongly advised to transfer out of occupational schemes and into personal pension plans. The pensions industry faces a possible bill of £3 billion in compensation and costs.

Alistair Darling, Labour's City Affairs spokesman, said: "It is disgraceful that the PIA has still not issued any clear guidelines after so many months. If the board has made decisions then they should make them public.

"They are supposed to be acting in the interest of consumers, not the pensions companies."

Kate Scribbins, head of the money group at the Consumers' Association, said: "Hundreds of thousands of people are concerned that they may have been given the wrong pensions advice. Now they face even further delays before their cases can even begin to be considered."

A PIA spokesman said: "A number of decisions were made at the board meeting, but there will be no announcement." He added that the regulator intended to issue a statement "in the middle of next week".

City exile can stay in Moscow

FROM RICHARD BEESTON
IN MOSCOW

A BRITISH businessman wanted for questioning by City of London police over an attempted fraud is living and working in Moscow and has been given permission to stay in Russia for another year.

Andrew Stuart Rooke, the former operations manager at Bayerische Landesbank Girozentrale (BLG), appears to be under little threat of extradition, in spite of a request made through Interpol for his return to Britain.

Mr Rooke, who it has been alleged attempted to defraud his former employers of £1 million, was expelled by the Securities and Futures Authority, fined £20,000 and ordered to pay costs of £5,000 for "blatant dishonesty".

His case was forwarded to the City of London police who have sought the assistance of the Russian authorities. There is no extradition agreement between Britain and Russia, although a number of foreigners on the run have recently been caught and deported.

A visit to Mr Rooke's DRM Consulting company yesterday revealed that he is operating as normal in the Russian capital, where he is still regarded as a respectable businessman. He has installed his offices in a ground floor suite in one of the most prestigious buildings in central Moscow, 10 Shchuseva Street, where the former Soviet leaders Leonid Brezhnev and Konstantin Chernenko once lived.

His Russian staff confirmed that he was in Moscow working as usual but that he refused to be interviewed. "Mr Rooke does not want to say anything at the moment," his assistant said.

Mr Rooke was employed as the financial manager of the luxury Radisson Slavjanskaya Hotel, a joint Russian-American venture. When details of the British investigation became known he was given the choice of returning to London to defend himself or of resigning his post. He resigned his job this summer but was nevertheless kept on as a financial consultant by the hotel's acting director, Umar Dzhabrailov, who secured a new work permit for him which runs to March 1996.

Business associates of Mr Rooke's said that they were surprised by the allegations that had been made against him. "He is articulate," said Russell Wycoff, a public relations consultant who worked with Mr Rooke at the hotel. "He is very polished, very intelligent, he has a high financial education and sells that to people."

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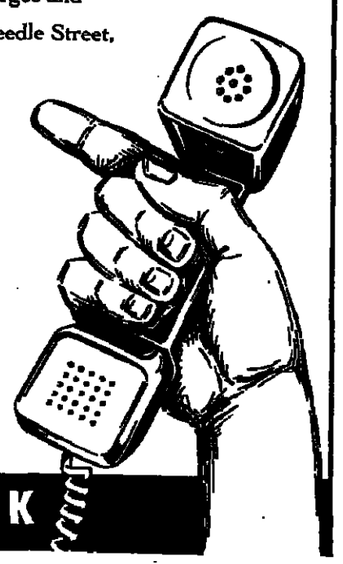
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☐ History lesson for Northern ☐ Fighting shy of the "feel-bad" factor ☐ Waging war over low pay

A game of monopoly

☐ THREE and a half years ago the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry intervened in a bid by Trafalgar House, saying he would refer to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission unless Trafalgar was prepared to talk turkey and remedy the adverse effects of the acquisition.

Three and a half years later, a few things have changed. The Secretary of State's successor has a far grander job title. Trafalgar has a new crew at the helm after several financial collapses, the "adverse effects" of that acquisition turning out to be mostly on its own balance sheet.

The President of the Board of Trade has now decided to allow through a rather more significant Trafalgar deal — the first bid, hostile or otherwise, for a privatised utility. Trafalgar has to talk turkey again and reach agreement with an industry regulator whose own advice has in this case been ignored.

But the emphasis has been turned around. There will be no debate on public policy, on the rightness or otherwise of ownership of such a crucial part of British industry. The floodgates have been opened for any outside purchaser, a prospect recognised by the leap in share prices for the other regional companies and a less pronounced advance for their water counterparts.

Flip back three and a half years. Trafalgar stumbled initially in its purchase of Davy Corporation because of the problem of "the provision of large diameter bored piling in the UK".

Fast-forward to today, and it is clear that the provision of power to factories, hospitals, schools and homes is a rather more trivial matter than that of bored piling. The regulator, Professor Littlechild, is now left to pick up the pieces and obtain what concessions he can.

Trafalgar has what it wants and does not need to bargain too hard. Northern can still be operated as a see-through business with the necessary transparency of accounts to allow Professor Littlechild to include it in his periodic price reviews. Northern shareholders, those not sufficiently unnerved by the uncertainty to have sold out, will get in cash four and a third times what they paid for their shares on privatisation if the bid succeeds at this level. They may well hold out for more.

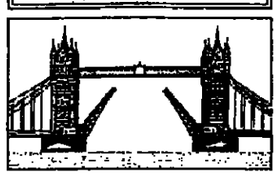
If the professor and Trafalgar cannot reach agreement, he can still refer the whole matter to the MMC. Whether Trafalgar will have won by that time, and just what would happen then, is unclear. The DTI (for reasons one can only speculate on — back-bench pressure? The desire to punish unpopular power chiefs by taking their businesses away? Other murkier political motives?) has ducked the opportunity of a debate on a matter of vital public importance. Mr Heseltine was on Northern's home patch before the weekend. He showed an admirable sense of self-preservation in choosing to leave the area well before making yesterday's announcement.

Rate rise not politic

☐ THE markets widely assumed yesterday that the Bank of England would recommend even higher interest rates to defend the pound if it continues to slide. But the case for 1980s-style exchange rate management through monetary tightening has been discredited.

The Bank has learned from the

PENNINGTON



debacle of sterling's departure from the exchange-rate mechanism that there is not a high enough level of rates or an effective amount of intervention which will prevent a currency from sliding if that is what the markets want.

Memories of White Wednesday are fresh enough for the Bank not to indulge in any such hopeless brinkmanship with the markets and Eddie George has stressed repeatedly since autumn 1992 that a stable exchange rate happens because of stable economic conditions, not the other way around. Free-floating is in fashion.

The Bank is also sophisticated enough to know that sterling's woes are political, not economic. Raising rates purely to defend the pound in the current atmosphere could be dangerously counterproductive. The Bank's markets team has been sounding out dealing rooms around the City to check the reasons for sterling's woes and the answer has been resounding: politics.

A rise in base rates would only exacerbate these political concerns because it would turn a lack of "feel-good" into full-blown "feel bad". That in turn would undermine the pound. In addition, higher rates risk unbalancing the recovery to no effect. Higher rates would hit domestic demand which is already weakening and have little effect on the tradeable part of the economy where any incipient inflation is showing up.

Even on inflation grounds, a sliding pound does not send a simple signal. Most crucial is its rate against the dollar because of the effect this would have on dollar-denominated commodity prices. This week's producer input prices figures highlighted the threat of imported inflation.

But so far sterling's weakness has been most pronounced against the mark. As long as the dollar struggles as much as the pound, the Bank may not feel too concerned.

Generating minimum light

☐ THE minimum wage debate is not generating much light on either side. The Labour Party, dedicated to cutting unemployment, cannot square it with the inevitable fall in demand that a rise in low-end wages would bring. Instead, it has tacitly dropped the ambition of bringing in a national minimum high enough to alleviate poverty significantly. Indeed, a universal floor would have to be too low to help many in low-paid services because it would also cover industries just hanging on against competition from low-wage developing countries. If it were decently high, it would either compress differentials and incentives to train or push up the whole wage structure, leading to much bigger job losses.

In his new IEA pamphlet, *The Minimum Wage: no way to help the poor*, Deepak Lal neatly exposes such weaknesses and the subtler case that he sees as atavistic impulses dressed up as "nirvana economics". But he falls into a different trap. He argues that, if the free market delivers wages that society considers too low, it is more economically efficient to subsidise the incomes of the poor. Yet free market economists rail equally, and more justly, against the economic evils of the permanently high tax burden this second-best solution entails.

The pragmatic test for low-level minimum wages is whether they allow the tax burden to be cut. Free market economists also fail to explain why, if a free labour market delivers the best economic results, they reckon it can only work efficiently with a pool of unemployed.

Charitable trading

☐ A GATHERING of big City names has agreed to donate a fixed sum for every bargain recorded on Topic on Red Nose Day, and other charitably minded firms are likely to follow suit, since this is also a smart way of boosting the stock market's lamentable trading volumes. All Comic Relief needs are company bosses to donate some of their share options. That at least would prevent some red face days.

Reuters warns of leaner times after fat profits

BY ERIC REGULY

REUTERS HOLDINGS, the international financial information and trading group, warned shareholders not to expect a repeat this year of what Peter Job, the chief executive, called an "exceptional" performance in 1994.

The outlook shaved 8½p off the price of the shares, which closed at 438½p.

Reuters reported pre-tax earnings of £510 million, up 16 per cent, in the financial year to December 31. Earnings per share climbed 20 per cent to 21.7p and turnover, including revenue from last year's acquisitions, rose 23 per cent to £2.31 billion.

"It'll be difficult to improve on this in terms of growth," Mr Job said.

Mr Job's earnings rose as well. His basic pay was boosted by 32 per cent, to £400,000, in 1994. A 50 per cent performance bonus took his total pay package, excluding share options, to £600,000.

Mr Job defended his salary, noting that earnings per share are up 58 per cent since he took the job in 1991. His pay was set by a remuneration committee of outside directors.

Reuters is less optimistic about 1995 partly because of turmoil in certain financial markets, such as Mexico's, which may have some effect on clients' purchasing decisions.

However, Mr Job did not predict a dramatic decline in orders and he said sales of some products had been strong recently. Information-management systems have been especially buoyant.

Reuters reported double-digit growth in all three of its main business areas, transaction and dealing products, information and media.

Instinet, the electronic brokerage that operates in North America, Europe and Asia, and the Dealing 2000 products for foreign exchange, recorded the strongest growth in the transactions division.

Not all divisions are profitable. Quotron, the screen-based price information system that Reuters purchased from Citicorp of New York last year, is still posting losses and will not break even for two more years.

Mr Job said another share buyback — the last was in late 1993 — was unlikely even though the company was flush with cash.

Reuters finished the year with £534 million in its till, in spite of spending £125 million on acquisitions, an increase of £84 million over the previous year.

The company wants to sink the money in its existing businesses and possibly additional acquisitions. It would like to develop different revenue streams, such as business-information systems for corporations, but will not buy unrelated businesses.

Reuters is increasing its final dividend by 23 per cent, to 8p.

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Peter Job, chief executive, described last year's performance as exceptional

Embattled Warburg gets a senior new recruit

SG WARBURG yesterday made its first high-profile appointment since it was plunged into crisis last week with the departure of key staff and the resignation at the weekend of Lord Cairns, its chief executive, (Patricia Tehan writes).

John Holmes, until last week head of sales at Credit Lyonnais Laing, is joining Warburg with the same job title.

Sir David Scholey, chairman of Warburg, who on Monday cancelled his retirement and took over the chief executive's role, is heading a new investment banking executive committee of five. The committee met yesterday to discuss how to revise the Warburg strategy to present a viable policy for the future.

Mr Holmes was formerly head of equities at Morgan Grenfell, though the business was closed down, and held the same post at Morgan Stanley. He takes over from joint heads James Leigh Pemberton, who left to join CSFB, and George Pilkington, who remains in equity sales.

Meanwhile, David Burnett, an SG Warburg troubleshooter, has emerged as a front runner for a place on the firm's board in June.

Cellnet to grow by £700m

CELLNET is to spend £700 million on expanding its digital network over the next three years (Eric Reguly writes).

The investment, on top of the £300 million it has spent on the fledgling service, is aimed at challenging Vodafone's lead in the digital market. It will be funded entirely from cash flow, a spokesman said.

Cellnet, owned by British Telecom and Securicor, claims to have the largest analogue network. But only 20,000 of its 1.61 million subscribers use its digital service. Vodafone says that about 130,000 of its 1.68 million customers use digital mobile phones.

Cellnet's £700 million will buy 1,400 digital base stations, more than doubling capacity. Vodafone has 1,700 and plans to have 3,500 by the end of 1996.

Chemicals fuel Hanson's leap

BY NEIL BENNETT, DEPUTY BUSINESS EDITOR

SURGING prices in the chemicals industry helped Hanson, the acquisitive industrial conglomerate, to lift profits by 58 per cent, to £272 million, in the three months to December 31.

Profits last time were held back by the strike at several of Hanson's American coal mines, which cost £66 million. Derek Bonham, Hanson's chief executive, said, however, that virtually all of the group's business had reported better profits and that Quantum, the chemicals business bought in 1992, had shown "outstanding performance".

The only businesses that failed to improve profits were Suburban Propane, in the US, whose sales suffered due to a mild start to the winter, and Cavenham, the forest products subsidiary, with profits static after a strong rise earlier.

Imperial Tobacco, Hanson's cigarette subsidiary, traded strongly as wholesalers stocked up on cigarettes after the two Budgets in November.

Overall, the group's turnover rose by 10 per cent, to £3.2 billion. The quarterly dividend is held at 3p, due on April 6. Earnings per share rose by 60 per cent, to 4p.

Mr Bonham warned investors that the group did not expect to sustain the rate of growth for the rest of the year because the recovery of many businesses was beginning to slow down. "But, with generally improved volumes and margins, the outlook is extremely positive," he said.

The group has been suggested as a possible bidder for an electricity company, since Trafalgar House bid for Northern Electric, but yesterday a Hanson spokesman refused to comment on acquisition plans.

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STOCK MARKET MICHAEL CLARK

Electrical storm could follow Trafalgar ruling

IT LOOKS as though open season has finally been declared among the electricity distributors after the Department of Trade and Industry's decision to allow the £1.2 billion bid from **Trafalgar House** for **Northern Electric** to proceed.

The speculators now expect other bids to follow in the sector as some of the big industrial companies begin flexing their financial muscle.

Yorkshire, 73p higher at 884p, is favourite within the Square Mile to receive the next bid approach and with good reason. Swiss Bank Corporation, which is acting as adviser to Trafalgar, has already established an 8 per cent holding in the shares. Hanson is seen as the most likely suitor.

All this speculation was not lost on the other Recs which enjoyed a sharp mark-up before closing below their best of the day, but still boasting double figure gains. **East Midland** closed 23p higher at 789p, after briefly touching 803p, **Eastern** was 26p higher at 730p, **London** 32p at 761p, **Manweb** 54p at 854p, **Midlands** 43p at 802p, **Norweb** 44p at 857p, **Seeboard** 28p at 463p, **South West** 46p at 869p, **South Wales** 50p at 854p, and **Southern** 37p at 775p.

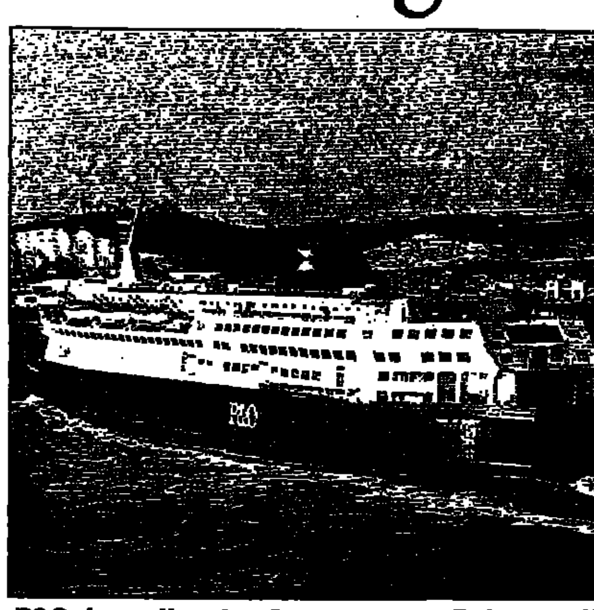
Shares of Northern Electric reacted with a leap of 112p to £10.87 to news of the clearance by the DTI.

The department made its decision after receiving advice from the Office of Fair Trading and obtaining assurances from Trafalgar that it will address regulatory concerns of the Director General of Electricity Supply.

Northern continued to urge shareholders to reject the bid from Trafalgar and claimed it would be issuing some important news soon. David Morris, the chairman, told shareholders he looked forward to demonstrating the value of their investment.

It seems the gloves are ready to come off as Northern strives to retain its independence. Brokers are convinced that Trafalgar will be forced to increase its terms if it remains committed to winning the day. Trafalgar rose 3p to 69p.

Worries about inflation and the possibility of another rise in interest rates continued to hold back the rest of the equity market. Fund managers were in a cautious mood ahead of today's inflation and unemployment numbers as well as being unsettled by renewed weakness in the pound. Leading shares opened lower worried by the latest CBI distributive trades survey.



P&O shares dipped as Eurotunnel unveiled new tariffs

After trading in narrow limits for much of the day, the FT-SE 100 index finished 9.8 points down at 3,071.3. By contrast the FT-SE index of 250 shares rose 16.7 at 3,462 reflecting the activity among the utilities. Turnover improved to 710 million shares.

One casualty of the current investor apathy is **Albright & Wilson**, the chemical company, which returns to the stock market any day. Its financial advisers yesterday slashed the offer price from 170p to 150p.

Cross-Channel operators appear to be drifting towards an all-out price war after **Eurotunnel** announced its pricing structure for next summer. The minimum return for a car during the peak summer months has been set at £115, growing to a maximum £308. It has also announced plans for a turn-up-and-go service.

Brokers say the move is sure to upset the ferry operators which enjoyed bumper profits as the tunnel struggled to come on stream. It may be only a matter of time before they announce a new round of price cuts. One thing is for sure, margins are likely to be the first casualty. **P&O** finished 6p down at 594p, while Eurotunnel rose 4p to 296p.

Reed International fell 23p to 737p after some negative comments from Lehman Brothers, the broker. It is believed to have told clients that the shares were 10 per cent overvalued.

Profit-taking left **BP** 6p cheaper at 420p after the group weighed in with a bumper rise in full-year figures and a rise in the final quarter dividend.

Signs of a slowdown in growth left **Reuters** 8p off at 439p. Pre-tax profits last year climbed 16 per cent to £510 million but the company said that revenue growth would be slower in 1995.

A better than expected first-quarter performance from **Hanson** lifted the shares 1½p to 244p. Pre-tax profits were 58 per cent up at £272 million after a strong performance from its Quantum chemicals business. However, chief executive Derek Bonham was quick to make the point that the group would not maintain this sort of growth throughout the rest of the year.

Sutcliffe Speakman tumbled 10p to 17p after it gave warning that profits for the full year would be significantly below expectations. Brokers had forecast a final outcome of £1.6 million against £1.1 million last time. The group's carbon operation has been hit by a volatile market and supply shortages of certain base materials, while its Croftshaw division has been hurt by contract delays.

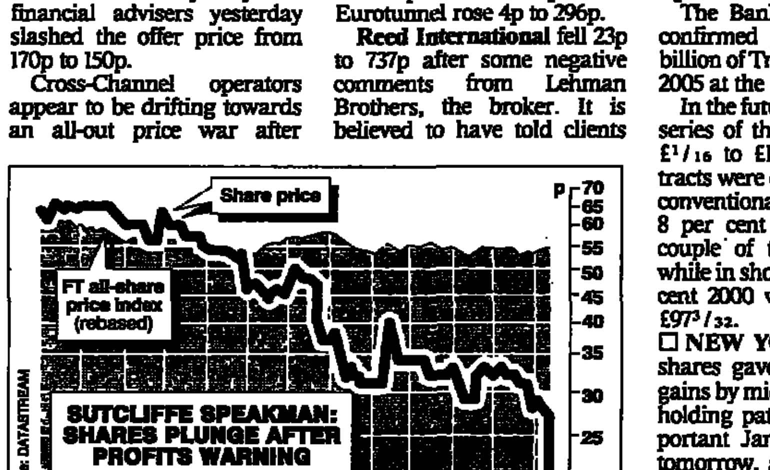
☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts attracted a few cheap buyers first thing in the belief that the previous day's selling had been overdone. But investor enthusiasm continued to be held back by worries about inflation and further rises in interest rates. There was also a certain amount of caution ahead of today's inflation figures.

The Bank of England has confirmed plans to issue £2 billion of Treasury 8½ per cent 2005 at the next auction.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt firmed £1/16 to £101 as 65,500 contracts were completed. Among conventional issues, Treasury 8 per cent 2013 hardened a couple of ticks to £94 11/16, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was unchanged at £97 3/32.

☐ NEW YORK: Wall Street shares gave up their modest gains by midday and were in a holding pattern ahead of important January figures due tomorrow, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was 1.01 points behind at 3,953.2.

British Data Management continued to nudge towards its year's high with a rise of 3p to 201p amid whispers of a bid. Speculators are talking of an agreed bid of 250p a share from rival Hays, unchanged at 298p. Word is one sizeable shareholder has already indicated interest in an offer.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3953.20 (-1.01)
S&P Composite	481.27 (-0.38)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18138.47 (-175.39)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	7862.67 (-112.15)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	413.97 (-0.78)
Sydney:	
AO	1834.8 (-11.5)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2133.24 (+16.29)
Singapore:	
Straits	2089.07 (-4.05)
Brussels:	
General	7099.96 (-4.11)
Paris:	
CAC-40	1856.09 (+5.78)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	633.70 (+0.70)
London:	
FT 30	2334.7 (-9.7)
FT 100	3071.3 (-9.8)
FT-SE Mid 250	3462.0 (+16.7)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1345.14 (+2.30)
FT A All-Share	n/a
FT Non Financials	n/a
FT Gold Mines	203.2 (+0.6)
FT Fixed Interest	109.92 (-0.22)
FT Govt Secs	90.66 (-0.05)
Bargains	23517
SEAQ Volume	625.1m
USM (Datastrm)	147.89 (-0.34)
US$	1.5568 (-0.0070)
German Mark	2.3562 (-0.0181)
Exchange Index	78.3 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2465
£:SDR	1.0628
RPI	146.0 Dec (2.9%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Bath Press (10)	13¼	...
Lazard Birla Ida	54½	...
Lazard Birla Ida Wts	32	+ ¼
MCIT S Cap (35)	34	...
MCIT S Inc (35)	36	...
Mthsn Lloyds Inv (100)	81	...
Pentex Oil	90	...
Wessex Trust	11¼	+ ¼
Woodchester Units	125	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

BTP n/p (225)	22	-1
Bath Press n/p (10)	3¼	...
Cadbury Schws Cv Ln n/p	71	...
Natl Home Lns n/p (110)	¼	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Lloyds	566½p (+12½p)
Whitbread	534p (+5p)
GKN	584p (+6½p)
Unilever	1180p (+10p)
Reckitt & Colman	652p (+7p)
General Accident	548p (+5p)
THORN EMI	1051p (+6p)
SmithKline	495p (+11p)
Zeneca	903p (+11p)
SG Warburg	710p (+4p)
FALLS:	
HSBC	651p (-13p)
Blue Circle	280p (-5p)
Caradon	240p (-6p)
Redland	440p (-5p)
ICI	723p (-11p)
Inchcape	294p (-8p)
BAT	446p (-8p)
GEC	283½p (-6p)
Siebe	528p (-5p)
Rank Org	384p (-8p)
Pearson	579p (-5p)
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Reuters	438½p (-8½p)
BP	419p (-7p)
Arjo Wiggins	226p (-5½p)
MEPC	385p (-4p)

Major Changes are closing prices

TEMPUS

Job's worth it

REUTERS' financial achievements give the group the self-confidence to tackle even the thorny issue of executive pay head-on. There are not many companies these days that would brazenly announce a 32 per cent pay rise for their chief executive in their preliminary statement. Most would hope to bury it in the annual report. Then again, there are not many company chiefs who can point to 58 per cent growth in earnings in four years to justify a 60 per cent rise in their pay.

The curse of successful companies is that financial markets always demand even greater achievements. The City has grown accustomed to the rapid growth of its chief information provider and was profoundly uninterested by the 23 per cent rise in Reuters' revenues.

Admittedly, the group's operating margins slipped by 0.4 of a percentage point, but that was almost inevitable after the group bought profit-challenged businesses such as Teknekron and Quotron last year. The growth of Instinet, the equity dealing service that many questioned at its launch, is now so rapid that its margins are suffering.

Reuters was wise to warn the market that its growth may slow this year. Its revenues are linked to the violent cycles in the financial markets, lagging behind them by perhaps a year. As investment banks cut their capital spending and lay off staff, Reuters' revenues will suffer. That cyclicality is becoming more pronouced as Reuters' transaction products expand. However, the group's core markets are still growing long-term, and Reuters shows no sign of relinquishing market leadership.

B Steel/GKN

THE City has been waiting at least four years for GKN to sell its stake in UES to British Steel, ever since GKN declared that it wanted to pull out of metal manufacturing. The business was too cyclical for GKN's liking and had little in common with the rest of its engineering and industrial services businesses.

In the event, the price that GKN has received is barely respectable, at a 39 per cent discount to net assets. The company is likely to make at least £30 million this year, so the exit p/e multiple barely scrapes into double figures.

However, GKN knew from the start that there was only one feasible buyer for the stake, so British Steel could dictate terms. GKN feels relieved that it was able to offload the stake at any price before the next economic downturn.

The acquisition is the latest episode in something of a spending spree for British Steel. Since last summer, it has announced capital projects or acquisitions worth £410 million, almost four times the group's normal rate of capital spending. The judicious investments have developed the group's downstream and upstream activities and much of it has been directed overseas, particularly towards the US.

With negligible gearing, British Steel has the scope for this and much more. It seems particularly keen on further investment in south and south-east Asia, for example. Such expansion should be welcomed by investors since it reduces the group's exposure to subsidy-ridden European markets. The faster it does that, before European output once again outstrips demand, the better.



Hanson

FIRST-QUARTER results from Hanson are rarely informative. No balance sheet, no breakdown of the businesses, and only a couple of paragraphs of a trading statement. Investors must draw their own conclusions.

What was clear yesterday was that the headline result of a 58 per cent growth in profits was flattered by a series of one-off events. Last year's profits were held back by the strike at Peabody's coal mines which cost £66 million. This year's earnings were boosted by perhaps £12 million from the twin budgets which enlivened the cigarette trade.

Underlying growth looks closer to 10 per cent. More than half was generated by Quantum Chemical, thanks to the storming rise in polyethylene prices in the past six months. Few industries have recovered as dramatically from the recession as chemicals. The retained earnings from the quarter should have pushed Hanson's gearing below 50 per cent, and the company is already back in the thick of takeover gossip. Hanson's name is repeatedly linked with Yorkshire Electricity. This would improve its domestic earnings base, but leave the company beholden to a regulator. In the past, Hanson has always done what was least expected, and there is no reason why it should conform to market wisdom now.

BP

HIGH in the war-torn Caucasus Mountains lies the key to BP's future. With the gradual fall-off in North Sea production, BP and its kind must look elsewhere for growth.

The group confirmed yesterday its robust recovery. BP has laid out comfortable financial targets for 1996, but the question remains which international opportunities the group will use its resources to pursue.

David Simon, the chief executive, emphasises that even with oil prices expected in the $16-$18 a barrel range, no project would be approved for development unless it worked at $14 a barrel. He also rules out a dash for growth saying the aim was to "live in a deflating world rather than an inflating one".

BP needs to spend $3.5 billion a year just to maintain itself and aims to spend between $4 billion and $4.5 billion this year. Favourite projects appear to be a chemicals plant in China and retail opportunities in Eastern Europe. Negotiations over the oil find in the Caspian Sea, however, remain dogged by frequent changes of Russian plans. The pipeline to get the oil out could, it seems, go almost anywhere.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	1051-1050	May	1078-1076
May	1040-1039	Jul	1090-1080
Jul	1048-1047	Sep	1096-1095
Sep	1056-1055	Dec	1110-1106
Dec	1062-1061		
Mar	1071-1070		Volume: 20003

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	2898-2895	Nov	2745-2735
May	2830-2826	Jan	2745-2725
Jul	2769-2768	Mar	2745-2730
Sep	2755-2750		Volume: 4235

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	344.3-42.0
Spot: 400.0		Mar	341.1-38.1
May	393.5-93.2	May	340.5-36.5
Aug	376.4-75.7	Aug	338.4-33.5
Oct	348.8-46.9		Volume: 893

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 13

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	84.08	119.44	121.29
(+/-)	-3.24	-0.66	+0.41
Eng/Wales:	84.10	119.60	121.14
(+/-)	-3.47	-0.79	+0.45
(%)	-1.0	-18.0	-3.0
Scotland:	83.56	118.85	122.73
(+/-)	+3.26	-0.10	+0.04
(%)	+7.0	-3.0	-6.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.00	+0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	16.75	+0.15
Brent 15 day (May)	16.65	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	18.35	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (May)	18.30	+0.35

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 168 (-1)	O: 170 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	147 (+1)	148 (+1)
Non EEC IH Mar	148 (+1)	149 (+1)
Non EEC IH Apr	149 (+1)	150 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (n/c)	104 (-1)
Naphtha	167 (n/c)	169 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Mar	144.75-45.00	Jun	146.00-46.25
Apr	145.75-46.00	Jul	147.50-48.00
May	146.00-46.25		Vol: 5939

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	16.75-16.76	Jul	16.45-16.49
May	16.62-16.63	Aug	16.43-16.45
Jun	16.59 SLR		Vol: 15979

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	109.15	Mar	103.25
May	110.45	May	103.50
Jul	111.50	Sep	97.00
Sep	99.25	Nov	99.15
Nov	99.95	Jan	100.40
Volume: 576		Volume: 65	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	274.0	271.5
May	unq	293.5
Jun	...	unq
		Volume: 23

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Mar 116.25-116.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 95	1990	1970	1970
Mar 95	2000	1975	1960
Apr 95	2015	1970	1970
Jul 95	1760	1740	1735

Vol: 261 lots Open Interest: 3706

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2862.0-2863.0	2842.0-2843.0	2532900
Lead ($/tonne)	504.00-505.00	524.00-525.00	307225
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	948.50-949.50	974.00-975.00	1919800
Tin ($/tonne)	5165.0-5170.0	5265.0-5270.0	39815
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1813.0-1814.0	1854.5-1855.5	2272950
Nickel ($/tonne)	8040.0-8045.0	8200.0-8205.0	146988

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Dom.	500	23½	31½	42½	11½	24	26
(*506)	550	4½	11	20½	44½	56	56
Argyll	260	22½	28½	31½	4	10	11½
(*275½)	280	10½	17	21	12	20½	21½
ASDA	60	6½	9	10	0½	2½	3
(*65½)	70	1	4	5	5	7	8
Boots	460	30½	40½	45½	6	15½	16½
(*481)	500	8½	19	25	24½	36½	37
Br Airways	360	36	45	50	4	11	14½
(*388)	390	17	26	33½	14	23½	27½
BP	390	33	41	47½	4½	8½	11
(*419)	420	13	22½	30	15½	20½	22½
Br Steel	140	16	20	22½	2	4	5½
(*153)	160	4½	8½	12	10	13	14½
C & W	390	17	26½	35½	13	21½	26
(*391)	420	5½	13½	23	32	39	43½
CU	493	39½	—	—	7½	—	—
(*530)	543	9	—	—	34½	—	—
ICI	700	33	46½	54	18½	26	32½
(*723)	750	9	23½	32	50	55	60
Kingfishr	420	23	29	37	11½	23½	27½
(*424½)	460	6½	13	20½	37	49	52½
Land Sec	550	37½	44½	49½	4	15½	18½
(*577)	600	10	16	23	25½	43½	46
M & S	360	35	40½	45	2½	7	9
(*389)	390	13½	21	27	11½	18½	21
Nat West	500	17	31	37	23½	30	36½
(*503½)	550	3½	13½	19	62	64½	69
Sainsbury	390	36	42½	48	3	9½	11½
(*419)	420	15½	23	30½	12	21	24
Shell	700	33½	45½	56	10	14½	22½
(*728)	750	6½	20	30	40	42	48½
Smkl Bch	460	40	49½	57	5	11½	16
(*494½)	500	15	26	34½	20	28	33
Storehse	220	17½	22½	25½	2	8	7½
(*232)	240	7	11	15	11	17½	17
Trafalgar	60	11	12½	14½	0½	1½	2½
(*69)	70	4½	6½	9	4	5	6½
Unilever	1150	50½	69½	92½	23½	35	49½
(*1180)	1200	22	44	65	51	61	66
Zeneca	850	60	75	89½	18	22½	29½
(*898½)	900	29	47½	62	41½	45½	52
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Grnd Met	360	18½	30½	34½	0½	6	10½
(*377½)	390	0½	12½	17½	13½	18½	24
Ladbroke	160	17	19	24	0	3½	6½
(*177)	180	1	7	13	3½	11½	15½
Utd Bisc	330	20	29	33½	0½	10½	15½
(*349½)	360	2	13	20	12½	27	31½

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	450	20	—	—	9½	—	—
(*455½)	475	8½	—	—	24	—	—
Thames W	460	38½	47½	50½	3½	14½	19
(*488½)	500	11	24	28½	20½	35	39
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
BAT Ind	420	26	35½	40½	0½	12	20
(*446)	460	1	13	20	16½	34	41½
BTR	300	16	21	27½	0½	8½	11½
(*316)	330	0	6½	13½	15	25½	27½
Br Aero	448	20	34	—	0½	15	—
(*468)	487	0	15	—	19½	35½	—
Br Telecm	360	28	37	43½	0	3½	8½
(*388)	390	1½	17	24	3	12½	21
Cadbury	409	5½	23	33	1	11½	15½
(*414)	447	0	8	15½	33	35	37½
Guinness	420	9	20	29½	0½	14	17½
(*428)	460	0	5	13	32	41	43
GEC	280	4½	15	20½	1	7	13
(*284)	300	0	6	11	16	18½	25
Hanson	240	4	11½	15½	1	7½	12
(*244)	260	0	3½	7	16	20½	24
LASMO	140	17	20½	24½	0	2½	3½
(*157)	160	1	8	12½	3½	10	11½
Lucas	180	13	19	25	0½	5	7½
(*193)	200	0½	8½	14½	8½	14½	17
Pilkingtn	140	17	21	23	0½	1	3
(*157)	160	0½	7½	10½	7	7½	11
Prudential	300	3½	12	17½	1	14½	18
(*302)	330	0	3½	7½	28	37½	39
Redland	420	20½	30½	36½	0½	17	21
(*440)	460	0½	10½	17½	20½	43	45½
R-Royce	140	19	21½	24½	0	2	4
(*159)	160	1	8	13	2	10	12½
Tesco	240	7½	16	19	0½	8	10
(*247)	260	0	6	9½	13	19½	21
Vodafone	183	7½	—	—	0½	—	—
(*189)	200	0½	7½	11½	11	15	18½
Williams	330	4½	16	22½	1	14	18
(*334)	360	0	4	10½	26	35	37½

FT-SE INDEX (*3075)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Feb	123	73½	30	6	1	1
Mar	136	95½	62	36½	19	9
Apr	151	115	86	61	40	25
May	171	138	108½	83½	62	45
Jun	—	154	—	99½	—	58½
Puts						
Feb	1	2	9½	39	89	139
Mar	16	25½	42	67	101	143
Apr	35	40½	69½	94	123½	159
May	46½	63½	84	109	137½	172
Jun	—	76½	—	122	—	181½

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	420	23	29	36	7	14½	20
(*438½)	460	4	11½	17½	35	38½	42½
Amstrad	125	25	28½	—	0	3	—
(*149½)	150	5½	13	—	6½	12	—
Barclays	600	24½	37	50	13½	26	34½
(*613½)	650	4	16	28	49	58	63
Blue Circ	260	22	28	32	1½	9	14
(*279½)	280	8½	16	21½	8	18½	23½
Br Gas	300	12½	20	26½	3½	11	15
(*310)	330	0½	5½	12½	21	29½	32
Dixons	200	13½	21½	26	3	7½	11½
(*210)	220	3½	10	16	13	17½	22½
Forte	220	19½	24	28	1	6½	9
(*236½)	240	6½	12½	17	8	15½	18½
Hillsdwn	160	17½	20	22	0	4	7
(*176½)	180	3½	7½	11	6	14	17
Lonrho	140	14	20	22	1	3½	6
(*152½)	160	2	9	11½	9	12½	15½
Sears	100	4	7	8½	2½	5½	6½
(*101)	110	0½	3½	4½	9½	12½	13
Thm Emi	1050	24	56½	67	18½	33	52
(*1050½)	1100	6	32½	43½	51½	61½	80½
Tomkins	220	13½	21½	25	2	7	11½
(*230)	240	3	11	14½	12	16½	22
TSB	240	11½	22	27	6	12	16½
(*244)	260	4	13	17½	18	23½	27½
Wellcome	1000	39½	51	57	28½	36½	47½
(*1014½)	1050	17½	28	37	60½	65	75
Series		**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**	**Apr**	**Jul**	**Oct**
Glaxo	600	56	75	83½	8	16½	27½
(*642)	650	24½	45½	54½	26½	36	50
HSBC	650	28½	41½	55	35	46½	56½
(*653)	700	9½	23½	36	71	79½	87½
Reuter	420	27½	40	49½	11	17	19½
(*439)	460	9	21	30½	33	38½	40
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Jul**	**Feb**	**May**	**Jul**
Royal Ins	280	9½	19	24½	0½	12½	17
(*289)	300	0½	10	15½	11½	24	28
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Fisons	110	7½	14	18½	3½	9	11
(*113)	120	3½	10	14	9½	14½	16½
Series		**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**	**Feb**	**May**	**Aug**
Eastern Gp	700	30½	61	75	0	19½	32½
(*730)	750	1½	33½	49	21	42½	58
Series		**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Sep**
Natl Pwr	450	20½	33	41	6	16	24½
(*472½)	500	3	14	22½	29½	40	47½
Scot Pwr	330	11½	24	29	6½	13½	20½
(*333½)	360	2	10½	15½	27	31	38

February 14, 1995 Tot: 38322 Call: 24381 Put: 13941 FT-SE Call: 8465 Put: 5618

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100	Mar 95	3086.0	3099.0	3070.0	3071.0	12981
Previous open interest: 70308	Jun 95	3100.0	3107.0	3099.0	3081.0	849
FT-SE 250	Mar 95	3455.0	3455.0	3455.0	3455.0	20
Previous open interest: 4008	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Mar 95	92.92	92.95	92.90	92.91	16164
Previous open interest: 451153	Jun 95	92.12	92.19	92.10	92.14	39483
	Sep 95	91.63	91.70	91.60	91.66	15464
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 95				93.58	0
Previous open interest: 2437	Jun 95				92.96	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 95	94.83	94.85	94.82	94.84	12720
Previous open interest: 780926	Jun 95	94.44	94.48	94.43	94.45	25052
Long Gilt	Mar 95	100-31	101-10	100-26	101-00	64052
Previous open interest: 96776	Jun 95	101-02	101-13	100-31	101-03	169
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	108.82	108.85	108.76	108.80	775
	Jun 95	108.11	108.14	108.06	108.09	1202
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 95	90.38	90.53	90.30	90.37	106381
Previous open interest: 227780	Jun 95	89.77	89.84	89.73	89.77	4419
Three month ECU	Mar 95	93.73	93.80	93.67	93.78	1129
Previous open interest: 23914	Jun 95	93.21	93.29	93.19	93.27	1218
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 95	95.90	95.91	95.88	95.91	727
Previous open interest: 44535	Jun 95	95.54	95.58	95.54	95.57	1855
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 95	99.82	100.20	99.80	99.98	32458
Previous open interest: 59007	Jun 95	98.80	99.00	98.80	98.88	1112

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¾ Finance Hse 7

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 6⅛

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6½; 3 mth 6½. Sell: 2 mth 6 7/16; 3 mth 6 7/16.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	6 17/32-6 15/32	6 21/32-6 19/32	6 25/32-6 23/32	6⅞-6 13/16	
Sterling Money Rates:	6 17/32-6 15/32	6⅝-6 9/16	6 23/32-6 21/32	7⅛-7 1/16	7 25/32-7 23/32
Interbank:	6 17/32-6 15/32	6⅝-6 9/16	6 23/32-6 21/32	7⅛-7 1/16	7 25/32-7 23/32

Overnight: open 6¼, close 5.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6 9/16	n/a	6 11/16	7⅛	7 13/16
Sterling CDs:	6 17/32-6½	6 21/32-6⅝	6 23/32-6 21/32	7⅛-7 1/16	7 25/32-7¾
Dollar CDs:	6.03	n/a	6.20	6.52	7.12
Building Society CDs:	6 17/32-6 15/32	6⅝-6 9/16	6 23/32-6 21/32	7⅛-7 1/16	7 25/32-7 23/32

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1995 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1995 to Mar 25, 1995 Scheme III: 7.87%. Reference rate Dec 31, 1994 to Jan 31, 1995 Scheme IV & V: 6.624%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	6⅝-6½	5⅞-4⅞
Deutschemark:	5-4⅞	5-4 15/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	5⅛-5	5-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅜-5¼	6 1/16-5 15/16	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3½-3⅜	3 7/16-3⅜	3 9/16-3 7/16	4⅛-4	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2¼-2	2¼-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.80-376.20 Close: $375.70-376.20 High: $375.80-376.30 Low: $374.90-375.40 AM: $376.00 PM: $376.00

Krugerrand: $376.00-378.00 (£241.50-243.50)

Platinum: $413.75 (£266.25) **Silver:** $4.76 (£3.055) **Palladium:** $157.00 (£101.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6400-2.6525	2.6400-2.6434	¼-⅛pr	1¼-1pr
Brussels	48.50-48.70	48.51-48.60	7-3pr	21-14pr
Copenhagen	9.2760-9.3160	9.2760-9.2910	1-½pr	1¼-¾pr
Dublin	1.0015-1.0049	1.0018-1.0045	8-5pr	15-10pr
Frankfurt	2.3569-2.3652	2.3569-2.3601	¼-⅛pr	1¼-⅞pr
Lisbon	242.81-244.30	242.81-243.44	41-47ds	165-183ds
Madrid	202.36-203.75	202.36-202.65	25-33ds	199-223ds
Milan	2501.30-2508.60	2502.00-2505.30	3-5ds	11-14ds
Montreal	2.1706-2.1809	2.1779-2.1809	0.15-0.23ds	0.37-0.50ds
New York	1.5538-1.5580	1.5570-1.5580	0.07-0.06pr	0.20-0.18pr
Oslo	10.3240-10.3680	10.3240-10.3390	1⅛-½pr	3½-2½pr
Paris	8.1640-8.1980	8.1640-8.1780	¼-⅛pr	2¼-2pr
Stockholm	11.4910-11.5390	11.4940-11.5180	½-1⅛ds	2⅞-4ds
Tokyo	153.31-153.81	153.47-153.73	⅝-½pr	1⅝-1½pr
Vienna	16.59-16.66	16.62-16.66	2⅛-1¼pr	8¼-6¼pr
Zurich	1.9892-2.0011	1.9892-1.9921	¼-⅛pr	1⅝-1¼pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3444-1.3453
Austria	10.68-10.69
Belgium (Com)	31.23-31.24
Canada	1.4010-1.4015
Denmark	5.9740-5.9770
France	5.2595-5.2605
Germany	1.5184-1.5189
Hong Kong	7.7300-7.7310
Ireland	1.5462-1.5477
Italy	1609.50-1610.25
Japan	98.74-98.84
Malaysia	2.5512-2.5519
Netherlands	1.7018-1.7023
Norway	6.6480-6.6510
Portugal	156.70-156.80
Singapore	1.4535-1.4545
Spain	130.29-130.34
Sweden	7.3953-7.4028
Switzerland	1.2822-1.2827

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5540-1.5566
Australia dollar	2.0877-2.0904
Bahrain dinar	0.5795-0.5915
Brazil real*	1.2944-1.2985
Cyprus pound	0.723-0.773
Finland markka	7.195-7.311
Greece drachma	366.75-373.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0024-12.0117
India rupee	48.25-49.21
Kuwait dinar KD	0.459-0.469
Malaysia ringgit	3.9625-3.9649
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4537-2.4572
Pakistan rupee	47.40 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.765-5.891
Singapore dollar	2.2568-2.2594
S Africa rand (fin)	6.0854-6.1204
S Africa rand (com)	5.5038-5.5098
U A E dirham	5.645-5.769

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	243	Legal & Gn	722
ASDA Gp	12,000	Lloyds Bk	8,000
Abbey Natl	2,100	MEPC	1,300
Allied Dom	2,800	Marks Spr	4,300
Argyll Gp	3,800	NatWst Bk	3,300
Arjo Wiggn	1,400	Nat Power	2,700
AB Foods	287	Nth Wst W	1,500
BAA	1,600	P & O	2,000
BAT Inds	4,100	Pearson	509
BOC	947	PowerGen	1,500
BP	12,000	Prudential	949
BTR	20,000	RMC	200
BT	4,900	RTZ	1,400
Bk of Scot	986	Rank Org	695
Barclays	3,100	Reckitt Col	1,400
Bass	1,500	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	2,500	Reed Intl	3,500
Boots	1,100	Rentokil	1,000
Bowater	2,100	Reuters	11,000
Brit Aero	2,600	Rolls Royce	1,900
Brit Airwys	2,100	Ryl Ins	3,300
Brit Gas	5,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,700
Brit Steel	11,000	Sainsbury	2,000
Burmah Cast	709	Schroders	3
Cable Wire	4,800	Scot & New	1,400
Cadbury	3,000	Scot Power	1,600
Caradon	1,800	Sears	5,200
Carlton Cms	497	Svrn Trent	4,200
Cm Union	1,200	Shell Trans	1,600
Courtaulds	871	Siebe	1,800
De La Rue	433	SmKl Bch	11,000
Eastern Elec	3,700	Smith Nph	8,200
Enterpr Oil	913	Sthrn Elec	2,800
Forte	4,400	Std Chartd	880
GKN	1,900	Sun Allnce	652
GRE	1,600	TI Gp	457
GUS	2,600	TSB	5,100
Gen Acc	554	Tesco	5,100
Gen Elec	4,900	Thames W	4,500
Glaxo	6,700	Thrn EMI	1,500
Granada	1,800	Tomkins	3,600
Grand Met	4,000	Unilever	1,800
Guinness	4,100	Utd Bisc	1,700
HSBC	3,700	Vodafone	11,000
Hanson	25,000	Warburg (SG)	616
ICI	3,300	Wellcome	1,200
Inchcape	2,300	Whitbread	2,700
Kingfisher	1,400	Wlms Hld	2,900
Ladbroke	6,300	Wolseley	516
Land Secs	1,200	Zeneca	5,200

WALL STREET

	Feb 14 midday	Feb 13 close
AMP Inc	73¾	73¾
AMR Corp	59¾	60
AT & T	51½	52¾
Abbott Labs	34¾	34¾
Advanced Micro	30¾	31
Aetna Life	53¾	53¾
Ahmanson (HF)	17¾	18
Air Prod & Chem	46⅞	46⅞
Albertson's	30¼	30⅜
Alcan Alumnm	25	25⅛
Alco Standard	64½	64¼
Allied Signal	38⅛	38
Alum Co of Am	80¼	80½
Amax Gold Inc	4¾	4¾
Amerada Hess	48⅛	48
Amer Brands	37½	37¼
Amer El Power	33⅛	33¼
Amer Express	33⅛	32¾
Amer Genl Corp	30¼	30¾
Amer Home Pr	70¼	69¾
Amer Intl	103¾	103⅜
Amer Stores	25⅛	25
Ameritech	42⅝	42⅞
Amoco	58⅜	58⅜
Anheuser-Busch	54¼	54¼
Apple Computer	43⅞	43⅞
Archer Daniels	20	19⅞
Armco	6¼	6⅛
Armstrong Wrld	47	47¼
Asarco	28⅜	27⅞
Ashland Oil	32⅝	32⅞
All Richfield	105⅝	105¼
Auto Data Pro	61½	62¼
Avery Dennison	38¼	38¼
Avon Products	57¼	57¼
Baker Hughes	17¼	17¼
Baltim Gas & El	24½	24½
Banc One	28⅛	28⅛
BankAmerica	47¼	47¼
Bank of NY	32⅜	32⅜
Bankers Tr NY	62¼	62¼
Barnett Banks	43⅛	43
Bausch & Lomb	33⅛	33½
Baxter Intl	29⅝	30
Becton Dickinsn	51½	51½
Bell Atlantic	53½	53¼
BellSouth	58⅛	58⅜
Black & Decker	25	25⅛
Block (H&R)	36⅛	36⅜
Boeing	46⅝	46¼
Boise Cascade	28⅛	28⅜
Borden Inc	13⅛	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	61½	61¼
Browning Ferris	31½	31½
Brunswick	20	19⅞
Burlington Nthn	53⅛	53⅝
CBS	62½	63⅝
CNA Financial	70¼	70¼
CPC Intl	54⅛	54⅞
CSX	73⅛	74⅛
Campbell Soup	44⅛	44¼
Can Pacific	14⅛	14¼
Cptl Cities ABC	85⅜	86⅜
Carolina Pwr	27⅛	28
Caterpillar	53⅛	53⅞
Central & SW	24⅛	24¼
Champion Intl	40⅜	41
Chase Manhat	34½	33¼
Chemical Bk	40⅛	40
Chevron Corp	46½	46⅜
Chrysler	45⅝	46⅛
Chubb Corp	78	78⅜
Cigna Corp	72¼	71½
Citicorp	42⅛	42⅜
Clorox	58⅛	58⅜
Coastal Corp	28⅛	28⅛
Coca Cola	51⅞	52⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	62⅛	63
Columbia Gas	25⅛	25⅜
Compaq Comp	37⅛	37⅛
Comp Ass Intl	55½	56
Conagra	32⅛	32⅞
Conrail	53⅞	54⅛
Cons Edison	27⅜	27⅜
Cons Nat Gas	35½	36⅛
Cooper Inds	39⅝	39⅛
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	41½	41¼
Dana Corp	23⅛	23½
Dayton Hudson	74⅛	73½
Deere	75⅛	75⅛
Delta Air Lines	56⅛	56⅝
Deluxe Corp	27⅜	27
Detroit Edison	28⅛	28⅜
Digital Equip	35⅝	36⅛
Dillard Dept St	27⅜	27⅜
Disney (Walt)	52⅜	52⅛
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅜
Donelley (RR)	32⅛	32⅜
Dover Corp	59⅜	59½
Dow Chemical	66	65¼
Dow Jones	34	34⅛
Dresser	20⅜	20⅛
Duke Power	38⅜	38⅛
Dun & Bradstreet	50⅜	50⅝
Du Pont	55⅝	55
Eastman Kodak	50⅞	50⅛
Eaton Corp	47	47
Emerson Elec	66⅛	65⅜
Engelhard Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Enron Corp	31½	31½
Entergy	22¼	22½
Ethyl Corp	10⅝	10⅛
Exxon	62⅜	62⅜
FMC Corp	59	58⅝
FPL Group	36⅛	36⅛
Federal Express	63⅜	64⅛
Fed Nat Mtge	76¼	76⅛
First Chicago	49¼	49⅜
First Interstate	80	79¼
First Union Rlty	8	8
Fleet Finl Grp	33⅝	33
Fluor Corp	48⅛	48¼
Ford Motor	25¼	25⅜
GTE Corp	33⅜	34¼
Gannett	52⅜	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	33⅞	33¼
Gen Dynamics	44⅞	45
Gen Electric	52¼	52½
Gen Mills	59⅝	59⅜
Gen Motors	40⅜	40¼
Gen Reinsurance	127⅛	127
Gen Signal	35⅛	35⅜
Genuine Parts	38⅜	38⅝
Georgia Pac	75⅛	75
Gillette	77⅛	77¼
Glaxo ADR	20¼	20¼
Goodrich (BF)	44⅛	44¼
Goodyear Tire	36⅜	36½
Grace (WR)	44¼	44
Gt Atl Pac Tea	19⅝	19⅝
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	35⅛	34⅞
Harcourt General	34	34
Heinz (HJ)	40⅜	40⅜
Hercules	43⅞	43⅞
Hershey Foods	50¼	50⅛
Hewlett Packard	105⅝	105⅜
Hilton Hotels	68⅝	69¼
Home Depot	48⅛	48⅛
Homestake Mng	15	15
Honeywell	36⅛	36⅛
Household Intl	39⅛	40⅛
Houston Inds	39¼	38¼
Humana	23¼	24
ITT Corp	95⅛	95¼
Illinois Tool	43⅞	43½
Illinova	23	23
INCO	27⅛	27¼
Ingersoll Rand	32	31⅞
Inland Steel	29⅛	30⅛
Intel Corp	78⅛	77⅛
IBM	74⅜	74⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	48½	48⅝
Intl Paper	76⅝	77
James River Va	23⅛	23½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	57¼	57
Kellogg	54⅝	54¼
Kerr-McGee	48⅝	48⅜
Kimberly-Clark	50¼	50⅜
Kmart	14¼	14½
Knight-Ridder	51½	51½
Lilly (Eli)	64⅜	64⅞
Limited Inc	18½	17¼
LIN Brdcstng	137	137¼
Lincoln Nat	38⅛	38⅛
Litton	37	37⅛
Liz Claiborne	16½	16½
Lockheed	78⅝	76
Louisiana Pac	28	28⅜
MCI Comm	20⅛	20¼
Marriott Int	30⅜	30¼
Marsh & McLnn	81½	80⅛
Masco Corp	25⅛	25⅛
May Dept St	36⅛	36⅜
Maytag Corp	16	16⅛
McDonalds	33⅛	33⅜
McDonnell D	54	53⅛
McGraw Hill	69⅝	70⅛
Mead Corp	53⅛	53½
Medtronic	57¼	58⅛
Mellon Bk	37	36⅛
Melville Corp	32⅛	32⅜
Merck Inc	40⅛	40
Merrill Lynch	39¼	38⅛
Minnesota Mine	52¼	53¼
Mobil Corp	86⅛	86⅛
Monsanto	76⅛	76⅛
Morgan (JP)	63⅜	63⅜
Motorola Inc	61¼	61¼
Natl Medical	15¼	15⅛
Natl Semi	17⅛	17⅛
Natl Service Ind	26⅜	26¼
Navistar Intl	16	16½
NBD Bancorp	31¼	31½
NY Times A	21½	21½
Newmont Mng	34½	34½
Niag Mohawk	14½	14½
Nike B	70¼	70⅛
NL Industries	12	11¼
Noram Energy	5⅞	6
Nordstrom	43⅜	44
Norfolk Sthrn	61¼	63⅛
Nthn State Pwr	45⅛	45⅛
Norwest Corp	24¼	24⅛
Nynex Corp	38¼	38⅛
Occidental Pet	19	19
Ohio Edison	20⅞	20⅜
Oracle Systems	44½	44½
Oryx Energy Co	11¼	11½
Owens Corning	33⅜	33⅜
PPG Industries	37⅝	37⅜
PNC Bank	24⅛	24⅛
Paccar Inc	42⅜	42¼
Pacificorp	18⅛	18⅛
Pac Enterprises	24	24
Pac Gas & Elect	25¼	25⅛
Pac Telesis	30⅜	30⅛
Pall Corp	19	19⅛
Panhandle East	21½	22⅛
Parker Hannifin	46⅞	47⅛
Peco Energy	26⅞	26⅜
Penney (JC)	43⅜	43⅜
Pennzoil	45⅛	45⅜
Pepsico	38½	37
Pfizer	80¼	80⅛
Phelps Dodge	57	56
Philip Morris	61⅛	61½
Phillips Pet	33	32⅛
Pitney Bowes	33⅛	33½
Polaroid	29⅜	29⅜
PriceCostco	13¼	13⅛
Procter & Gmbl	65⅜	65⅜
Providian	34¼	34⅛
Pub Serv E & G	28⅜	28⅛
Quaker Oats	34⅛	34⅛
Ralston Purina	46⅛	46¼
Raychem Corp	38⅛	38¼
Raytheon	68	68⅛
Reebok Intl	35⅛	35½
Reynolds Metals	50⅛	50⅞
Roadway Srvcs	50¼	50¼
Rockwell Intl	38	37½
Rohm & Haas	55	55⅛
Royal Dutch	113⅜	113⅛
Rubbermaid	32⅛	32⅛
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	47¼	47¼
Salomon Inc	36	36⅛
Santa Fe Pac	19¼	19⅛
Sara Lee Corp	26½	26½
Seecorp	16½	16⅛
Schering Plough	78	77⅝
Schlumberger	54¼	54⅜
Scott Paper	76	76⅛
Seagram	30⅛	30⅛
Sears Roebuck	47¼	47⅛
Shell Trans	67¼	68
Sherwin Wlms	33⅛	33⅛
Skyline Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Snap-On-Tools	33⅜	33⅛
Southern Co	20⅛	20⅛
Sthwestern Bell	42⅛	43
Sprint Corp	30½	30⅛
Stanley Works	40⅛	40⅛
Sun Company	29⅛	29⅛
Sun Microsys	33⅛	33⅛
Suntrust	53¼	53⅛
Supervalu	23½	23⅛
Sysco Corp	27½	28
TRW Inc	63⅜	63⅜
TCC Inds	2⅝	2⅝
Tandem Comp	17⅜	17⅜
Tandy Corp	45⅜	46
Teledyne	23	23
Temple Inland	48¼	48⅜
Tenneco	44	43⅞
Texaco	61	61⅞
Texas Inst	79	77
Texas Utilities	32⅜	32⅜
Textron	52⅜	52⅜
Time Warner	38⅛	38⅛
Times-Mirror A	18½	18⅜
Timken	33⅜	33⅜
Torchmark	41½	41½
Toys R Us	30	30⅛
Transamerica	53⅛	53⅜
Travelers	38¼	38⅛
Tribune	55	55⅛
Tyco Labs	48	48
UST Inc	30⅜	30⅜
UAL	96⅜	97⅛
USX Marathon	15⅞	16
Unicom	25⅛	25⅛
Unilever NV	117⅜	117⅜
Union Camp	51¼	51
Union Carbide	29	29
Union Pacific	50⅞	51½
Unisys Corp	9¼	9⅛
USAIR Group	5⅛	5⅛
USF&G Corp	14⅛	14⅛
US Life	37⅛	37⅛
US West	39⅛	39⅛
United Tech	66⅛	65⅛
Unocal Corp	26⅛	27
Upjohn	33⅛	33⅛
VF Corp	50⅛	50⅛
WMX Tech	26⅛	26⅛
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅛	23⅛
Warner-Lambert	78⅛	78⅛
Wells Fargo	156¼	155¼
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅛
Weyerhaeuser	40⅛	40⅛
Whirlpool	53⅛	53
Whitman	17⅛	17⅛
Winn Dixie	53⅛	54
Woolworth	15⅛	15⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr.	45⅛	46
Xerox	109⅛	108⅛
Yellow Corp	20¼	20⅛

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Life after Warburg

THEY go from They arrive at And there is Warburgs. Fro umbria comes Simon Hayes, Warburg's Toky last November. three years he wa research, and wh emerged in his na land, pursuing hi for genealogy. H ed number one in survey while a Capel in the year has so far traced roots back to 10 recounts that he burgs after "a cl the management sion". The gen adds: "As other Warburg staff mig am happily s more time wi family".

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COLIN CAMPBEL

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Life after Warburgs

THEY go from Warburgs. They arrive at Warburgs. And there is life after Warburgs. From Northumbria comes news of Simon Hayes, who left Warburg's Tokyo office last November, where for three years he was head of research, and who has re-emerged in his native England, pursuing his passion for genealogy. Hayes, rated number one in the *Extel* survey while at James Capel in the years 1986-90, has so far traced the family roots back to 1680. Hayes recounts that he left Warburgs after "a clash over the management succession". The genealogist adds: "As other senior Warburg staff might say, I am happily spending more time with the family".

Leaving ABN

MORE musical chairs in the City include the departure from ABN Amro Hoare Govett of Gary Tiernan, 31, head of the four-person proprietary trading division. The division carries on, the broker says.

Sun forever

THE sun will never set on English Trust, the corporate finance and investment management adviser, which today will announce the formation of an Indo-Asian division at its London office that will sweep the sub-continent, the Far East and China.



On the mend

CITY friends will be pleased to learn that Lord Weir is making a steady recovery after an horrific car crash outside Glasgow last September which left him with various broken limbs. He is managing at least one day a week at Weir's head office, and has been to board meetings at BICC, where he is deputy chairman. Much to the annoyance of the partridges, Lord Weir has even been shooting — "but from a sedentary position", he adds.

New post

JOHN HARGREAVES, once a Shell man, and latterly the corporate finance director (planning) at Barclays Bank, has a new post. He has joined strategic management consultants, The Coba Group, in charge of risk management. Hargreaves, finance director and company secretary for three years at London Underground, says: "I still travel by Tube. But now I have to pay full fare".

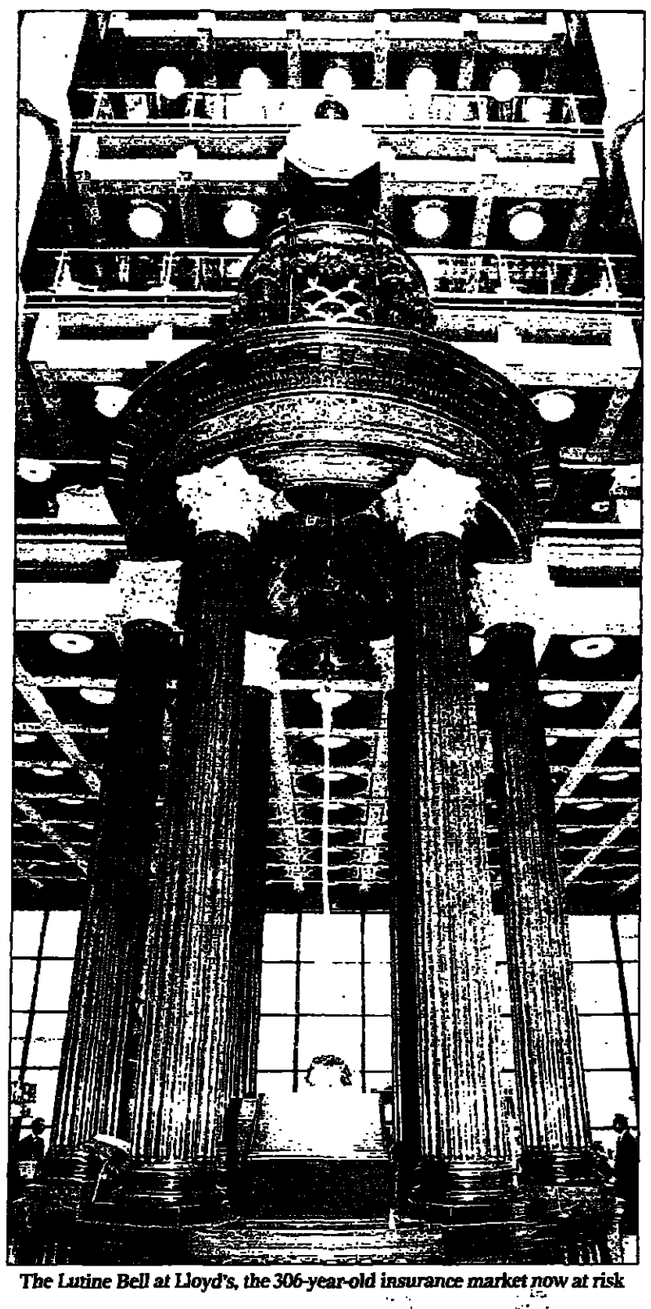
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COLIN CAMPBELL

Poker game will determine future of divided Lloyd's

An out-of-court settlement of legal actions now looks the only way out, says **Sarah Bagnall**



The Lutine Bell at Lloyd's, the 306-year-old insurance market now at risk

The future of Lloyd's of London is being determined by a game of poker. The key players — names, Lloyd's ruling council and the errors and ommissions insurers — are playing their cards close to their chests, and are desperately trying to guess the hands of their opponents.

The stakes are high — either Lloyd's and the insurers reach a negotiated settlement with the thousands of litigating names or the 306-year-old insurance market's future is in doubt.

More than 17,000 names are suing a mass of Lloyd's agencies to try to recover more than £3 billion of insurance losses.

The settlement is no longer just a desirable outcome for Lloyd's. It is a necessity. Lloyd's has a solvency problem, and an out-of-court settlement of the mass of legal actions looks like the only way out. It has taken months for Lloyd's top brass to stop masquerading as clams and admit that there could be a problem with the society's financial security. David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, when confronted with the issue by MPs last week, admitted as much.

Each autumn, Lloyd's has to pass two Department of Trade and Industry solvency tests. The first — assets against projected claims — is the easier of the two, and little doubt exists over Lloyd's ability to pass it. The second, harder one, is conducted at a name's level. Each name has to show that their underwriting assets at Lloyd's are sufficient to meet their underwriting liabilities. It is this second test that Mr Rowland admits is troublesome.

The cynics suggest that Lloyd's only succeeded in passing this test last year because the DTI allowed Lloyd's to include as assets £600 million that had been reserved twice to cover E&O claims. The rumour is that the DTI is reconsidering this position. A settlement would have the benefit of naturally unwinding this and other so-called "double counts", easing the strain on solvency.

This May, Lloyd's is set to reveal yet another round of losses — estimates of which are creeping steadily towards the £1.5 billion mark. There is a further £2 billion of uncalled losses from previous years — payment of which is doubtful, given names' new-found reluctance to part with any more cash. On top, there is £830 million that names have refused to pay up.

The names' hopes of receiving a sizeable offer have been buoyed in recent months by last year's High Court victory by the Gooda Walker Action Group. The action group estimates that this success is worth £504 million, of which £210 million must, a High Court judge ruled yesterday, be paid within 14 days.

Lloyd's is now in the throes of trying to broker a deal between the names and the E&O insurers, who provided the cover for the agencies being sued. It is Lloyd's second attempt. The first offer of £900 million was overwhelmingly rejected in February 1993, partly because some action groups believed they would receive more from the courts. This is a possibility, given the £210 million interim payment awarded yesterday to the Gooda Walker Action Group, compared to its £220 million share of the last £900 million offer.

The main reason that the offer foundered was because it failed to offer names finality. They would receive a certain sum of money and hand over their rights to litigation without knowing what the future held. For the thousands of names who insured asbestosis and pollution risks, there was no doubt that the future held years of crippling losses, but the extent of these debts was not quantifiable. The lack of any "cap" on their future losses was unacceptable.

The poker players' hands are not known — nor are their game plans — but there is no shortage of guessing and conjecture. The jockeying for position, the adeptly placed word in the right ear at the right time, is likely to continue for a couple more weeks and then the cards are due to be laid out on the table. Until then, no detailed negotiations can begin.

The E&O insurers are said to have given Lloyd's a glimpse of their hands. Don Carey, representing the lead E&O underwriters, flew in from South Africa for a high-level meeting with Lloyd's last Friday. The meeting, on the 12th floor of the Lloyd's building, was said to include a discussion on how much the insurers and reinsurers would be willing to contribute towards the offer. Although no details are known, the names' camp believes that the contribution could be as high as £1 billion. The E&O insurers offered about £400 million towards the last offer — an amount ridiculed by names as being way short of the estimated £1.2 billion of insurance cover available to meet litigants' successful legal actions.

The contribution is likely to significantly exceed the £400 million because, since the first offer, the Gooda Walker action group has won its court action, although the ruling is being appealed against. As a result of the judgment, the insurers have been able to turn to their reinsurers and encourage them to join the settlement party, bolstering the pot.

Meanwhile, Lloyd's of London is busily doing its sums to ascertain how much it can contribute towards the offer — and, most importantly, whether it can structure the resulting deal to include a cap.

The last offer included £400 million from the Lloyd's central fund, but no consensus is emerging as to what Lloyd's ruling council will agree to provide this time round. It is believed, however, that a decision will be reached in the next couple of weeks.

Peter Middleton, Lloyd's chief executive, has met each of the 44 action groups — individually — to discuss what their needs and desires are. The answer he received over and over was "We want a cap". This demand is causing a rumpus within Lloyd's.

The ruling council is divided. Some council members think that a cap is pointless because it effectively already exists as names' assets are limited. Furthermore, the growing incidence of names' refusal to pay their debts means that a natural cap is emerging. Others argue that the council has to be realistic and accept that others may be let off the hook in spite of the fact that they themselves have had to pay all their losses.

The council also has to decide whether the offer should be extended to non-litigants, who were included in the first offer. It increasingly looks unlikely that this will be the case in the second offer. Lloyd's is considering splitting the offer in two — making an initial offer to names on spiral syndicates, followed later by a separate offer to long-tail names. This would be timed to coincide with the setting up of Equitas, a reinsurance company being established to take over the liabilities of policies written in 1985 and before.

In reality, the negotiations have yet to start. The players are at the table and the cards have been dealt, but the game has yet to commence. Names argue that the offer would have to be in the region of £1.3 billion to be acceptable and would have to include a cap. It is now a question of how the protagonists play their hands.



ANTHONY HARRIS

Earthquake shocks in Broadgate

What, you may ask, has the Kobe earthquake possibly got to do with it? If Warburg was the only international bank in trouble, Lord Cairns would provide no more than a tragic anecdote: ambitious institution leaps for a high crag, misses, and falls. In fact, Warburg has much prestigious company. News, rumour or credit downratings affect many major houses. Even the London clearers warn, as they announce sharply increased profits thanks to lower provisions, of hard pounding.

Meanwhile, Sumitomo has become the first of the major Japanese banks to come clean, or at least cleaner, about past losses: some $3 billion of new provisions have wiped out its whole earnings; the Japanese authorities judge that their system is now strong enough to start revealing what it really lost in the bubble economy. The corresponding losses in New York and London are now history, but the recovery has bred its own follies in bonds, short yen positions, and now emerging markets. And it is now becoming apparent that all these disasters are interconnected, part of a general disruption in the global market — one which the earthquake may well prolong.

The Tokyo crash provided the initial shock: it so undermined Japanese financial self-confidence that the orderly export of Japanese capital to world markets, necessary to finance the Japanese current account surplus, became hesitant and then virtually stopped. By 1993, the US and Britain, both in large current account deficit, had become the main world sources of long-term international capital. These flows, on top of their deficits, could only be financed by massive short-term borrowing; or in the old language of British crises, massive exposure to hot money.

If this had taken the form of foreign deposits in New York and London, the alarm bells might have sounded; but in fact the money percolated through many largely invisible channels — commercial credit, additions to official dollar reserves, and most important, massive yen borrowing by English-speaking institutions. The banks and funds saw the "over-valued" yen, available at commercial rates of about 2 per cent, as an irresistible bargain. In 1993, they collectively borrowed $120 billion in Tokyo. Then, a year ago, the yen started to rise still higher, and these yen debts looked anything but cheap.

It was this yen shock, William Sterling of Merrill Lynch argues in the current *International Economy*, which set off the bond débâcle. As soon as rates started to rise, funds which had financed bond portfolios with yen loans were losing on both sides of their book, and started to scramble for safety. Now the Kobe earthquake will force the Japanese Government to borrow an extra $100 billion that might otherwise have refreshed world markets.

Whatever its particular troubles (probably mainly in bonds), Warburg can thus be seen in a global context of financial fragility. There is still more bad news for a London bank in the current sterling mini-crisis. (This can probably also be traced to Tokyo.) The English-speaking banks, and especially the investment banks and funds, are again paying the price of risk exposure. In the 1980s, it was property and sovereign risk; this time the main exposures are in interest rates and exchange rates. Folly is a constant.

Why do they do it? Basically, because they are trying to turn a windfall into a way of life. The huge profits generated by deregulation and the Reagan bull market have become built into inflated salaries and shareholder expectations. But the tides which generated the profits have now turned unpredictable, and the bankers are rediscovering the oldest financial truth: high returns are only available where the risk is high.

Key people must be kept, says **Patricia Tehan**

Scholey has to win Warburg battle for hearts and minds

The challenge facing Sir David Scholey, now chairman and chief executive of SG Warburg, is to change the bank's image, both internally and publically, from weakness to strength.

The sudden resignation of Lord Cairns, the chief executive, illustrated the depth of the crisis. Much of the problem was of Warburg's own making, though the timing of the crisis was particularly cruel since it was forced to issue its second profit warning in four months yesterday.

Investment banks worldwide suffered last year after turmoil in world equity and bond markets. The bulk of Warburg's profits in the first six months came from its fund management business, the 75 per cent-owned Mercury Asset Management, and the second-half picture will be the same.

Low volumes and dealing losses have driven many firms, including Warburg, to embark on rigorous cost-reduction programmes, which mostly mean job cuts.

Investment banking is a people business. So according to a Warburg spokesman, Sir David spent most of Monday talking to staff, walking the trading floors, listening to what the people were saying. Few remember having spotted him on the floor before and one insider said it was remarkable to hear his voice booming over the loudspeaker, "making asinine comments about the need to pull together as a team".

In an internal staff memo, Sir David made no bones about the scale of the task in hand. He said that in order to secure its position among the world's major investment banking and asset management groups, the bank needed to regain its "old habits of rigorous quality and cost control and of total commitment to providing clients with products and services that they need".

In a rallying cry to the troops he told them that they were "a team of very high calibre and commitment" and called on them to mobilise their maximum energy and determination.

Although recognising that investment banking is a cyclical business, Sir David must quickly take some difficult decisions about where to swing the axe. Analysts estimate the bank must make savings of about £70 million.

In 1993 Warburg spent a lot on building up a global securities business. Now it faces spending huge sums cutting back. The US and Japan are thought to be big targets, though Warburg said yesterday that it was committed to both markets. It has already pulled out of the eurobond business, with the loss of 180 jobs. One obvious target for further cuts would be its equities distribution business.

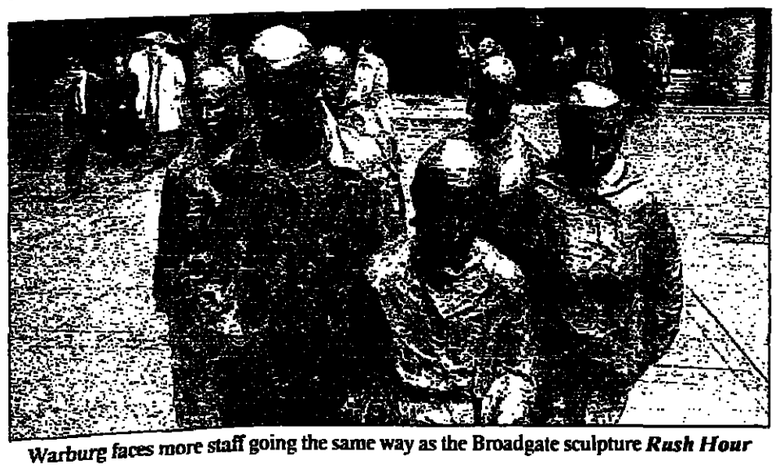
Sir David and the four members of his new investment banking executive committee have to try to keep their best staff at a time of extremely low profitability. Morgan Grenfell, which is building up an equities operation in London by acquiring people and teams, has its Deutsche Bank parent's chequebook at its disposal. Last week it poached Maurice Thompson and Michael Cohrs, the co-heads of equity syndication and two of Warburg's key staff, along with eight of their 30-strong team.

Warburg has a March year end. Bonuses are paid in May and the bank is starting negotiations with its investment banking and securities staff about bonuses. It is likely to have to guarantee bonus payments for staff it has identified as crucial.

The sector analysts and salesmen likely to be a target for Morgan Grenfell are in a strong bargaining position — it could be disastrous for Warburg to lose its property, financials or telecoms teams. The bank will have to match what is on offer from the opposition.

A hostile bid for Warburg is out of the question. In this business, if the people leave, the clients go with them.

Sir David must identify a clear strategy. He probably has until Warburg's results are announced in May before he needs to demonstrate the effectiveness of this week's management changes in full, but he must give a flavour of his strategy to staff, shareholders and corporate clients soon.



Warburg faces more staff going the same way as the Broadgate sculpture *Rush Hour*

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BANKS

1994/95 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	360½	Abbey Nat	438½	– ½	4.4	14.7
314	233	Alfred Irish	302	– 7	5.8	8.6
278½	171	Aqs New 2	215		5.6	7.5
3300	2462½	Bank America	3031½	+ 68½		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	209½	+ ½	3.2	11.8
640	467	Barclays	614	+ 1	3.4	15.0
318	248	Bk of Ireland	304	– 5	4.7	8.8
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2712½	+ 18½		
265½	203	Close Bros	232	+ 2	4.0	19.5
6150½	5121½	Comerzbank	5145½	+ 165½	0.5	
1336½	950½	Cr Ins Ken Y	1109½	– 3½	0.5	
6344½	5270½	Deutsche Bk	5305½	+ 54½	2.3	
1315½	715½	Espirito Santo	749½	+ 26½	5.2	3.7
90	57	First Nat Fort	69	+ 1	2.7	44.0
1549½	1152½	First Bank Y	1344½	– 11½	0.4	
473	393	Hambros	458		7.9	14.6
1113	569	HSBC	851	– 13	4.7	9.4
1153	978	HSBC Hk	948	– 9	4.7	9.4
445	369	Lloyds (L)	393		5.6	11.4
693	424	Nawest Sec	630		3.8	11.1
688	519	Lloyds	586½	+ 12½	5.9	9.2
620½	472	Nat Aust Bk	499	+ 1	7.1	
522	421	Nat West	503	+ ½	4.8	9.6
3300	2150	Sherman Bank	2150			9.6
79	50	Rea Bros	64		1.9	17.9
528	373½	Sgt Bk Scott	419	+ 2	4.1	12.0
1574	1050	Schroders	1538	+ 2	1.5	14.0
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1366		1.7	12.5
114	75	Singer & Fried	86		4.6	10.6
2594½	2200	Skand Enskt	2465		3.0	9.1
291	197	TSB	244		4.6	
1012	569	Wardley Bk	710	+ 4	3.9	13.0
2105	8612½	Wells Fargo	2100½	+ 25	3.0	
260	194	Westpac	222½	– ½	2.5	
398	293	Wrexham	228		5.9	15.0

BREWERIES

1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	153			
619	485	Bass	553	– 3	6.0	12.9
298	243	Boddington	245		4.2	13.2
196	168	Burtonwd Brwr	171		3.7	14.3
181	142	Burridge P 'A'	163		3.1	26.2
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	58	+ ½	3.1	13.8
493	335	Fuller Sm 'A'	338		2.9	14.0
511	392	Greenalls Grp†	406	+ 2	4.0	13.4
584	452	Greene King	473		3.5	12.9
367	239	Hardy Hanson	298	+ 1	4.3	12.7
170	127	Hawthorn†	155		3.6	
3773	3125	Holt J	3386		1.8	18.6
348	195	Marstons	297		2.5	14.5
314	246	Mitchn Hdgs	278		2.7	13.5
345	245	Morland	315		3.8	13.4
19½	6½	Pacgrmount	7		3.6	16.5
359	269	Regent Inns	310	– 1	2.2	23.8
1668½	1000	SA Breweries	1458½		3.0	12.4
581	477	Scot & Nwc	500	+ ½	4.4	12.3
366	212	Vaux Group	217		5.7	12.2
491	354½	Wellingtonpen JD	453		1.8	25.5
617	494	Whitbread	534	+ 5	4.5	14.6
589	488	Wolverhampton D	488	– 1	3.6	12.9
1126	1000	Yorkshire Brwry	1103		4.1	14.8
526	459	Young 'A'	468		4.1	19.5

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

205	130	Abbott	130		5.0	9.5
314	61	Amec	65	– 2	4.5	37.5
164	61	Anwil	65			
167	47	Andrews Sykes	166		0.6	
462	333	Ashtead	422		1.6	26.7
191	97½	Aveslide	93		5.6	11.5
28	21	Baker (Ben) Con	26		3.8	21.4
28	18½	Barron	23	– 2		
93	58	Beckley	70		1.6	
291	262	Blue Circle	280	– 5	5.0	19.9
117	72	Bredero PLC	74		7.6	21.2
154	126	Br Dredging	134		4.5	12.7
329	231	BRH	274	+ 1	4.0	19.0
70	31	Calednord Hldy	45		4.9	
278	198	Cape	218		6.6	13.3
456	324	Carillion	445		1.6	15.9
215½	114	Cavendish	120½	– 2½	7.5	
62	46	Chelsfield Grp	54		8.1	10.8
134	69	Dyson (JH)†	107		4.1	16.1
134	94	Eclipse Blinds	94	– ½	6.8	9.6
350	273	Elend	282		3.5	16.7
82	57	Enh	62		3.6	34.9
218	160	Graham Grp	180	+ 1	3.2	17.2
399	312	Halstead (J)	317		3.6	10.6
311	262	Hall (M)	281		2.3	14.0
88	46	Hawtaian	80		2.5	
152½	69	Hewitt (J)&	88		6.6	24.2
453	267	Heywd Wms	269		6.4	14.9
148	94	Higgs	98		5.1	
34	31	Ibstock	33			
63	44	Ideal Sec	52		3.0	44.1
82	44	Clarke T	82		3.9	
27½	17½	Oxtoft	27½			
185	100	Queensgate	100	– 1	5.4	12.3
128	73	Crest Nicholson	80		3.2	
140	91	Cussons	91		4.7	11.0
239	17	Edmond Hldgs	21		8.1	
479	235	Eve Ernest	243		4.1	9.9
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112	85	Gibbs & Dandy	87		3.9	
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9	5	Jarvis	6			
138	103	Keller	105	+ 1	4.5	12.2
197	147	Laing (J)	187	– 2	5.7	17.8
164	98½	Laing 6 4% Cv Pf	90½	– ½	6.6	
145	115	Lex Service†	117		9.7	
61	45	Lovell (TJ)	47		3.4	12.3
353	196	Macalpine (J)	205	– 1	3.4	12.3
453	354	McAlpine (A)	358	– 4	5.1	23.2
75½	50½	McCarthy & S	53	+ 1		18.7
64	54	Morgan Sindall	54	– 1	6.2	
183½	94	Mowlem (J)	94		3.2	
379½	170	Persimmon	175	– 3	6.6	13.1
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BUILDING MATERIALS

27	12	Allington	14		4.5	23.6
341	283	Alumasc	338		2.2	
69½	43½	Amberley Grp†	51		3.1	26.2
363	274	BPB Ind	321	+ 1	3.2	12.5
142	93	Bpggregate Brkt	122	+ 1	3.2	12.6
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CHEMICALS

159½	115	Allied Colloids†	116	– 1	3.6	16.4
790	705	Amber Ind	780		3.4	15.5
2141½	2100½	BASF Ltd	2141½	+ 100½	3.4	
767	627	BOC	728	– 1	4.3	17.4
3854	246	BTP	246	– 1	5.5	13.9
2160½	2123½	Bayer DM50	2156½	+ 28½	3.0	
171	97	Blagden	111		1.7	51.9
139	98	Brent Chems	105		4.7	19.5
309	215	Br Vita	223	+ 1	4.2	18.8
45	18	Cambridge Iso	33			
199	153	Canning (W)	188		4.8	31.8
500	401	Courtaulds	425		4.4	25.0
399	327	Croda	352		3.0	15.1
143	93	Deeley	128		4.5	12.9
69½	33½	Ems Color	67½		2.5	19.5
149	110	EstronHlt†	118		5.8	16.9
223	106	Hickson	128		7.8	11.6
153½	106½	Hoechst	143½	+ 4½	2.7	
250	152½	Holiday Chem	206		3.6	17.0
868	723	ICI	746	– 17	4.8	58.4
191½	97½	Kalon	106		5.2	10.0
843	640	Laporte	854	– 6	4.1	16.5
95	46	MTM	81	– 1	0.6	
405	290	Marden	307		4.1	14.9
127	100	McLeod Russel	114		6.6	12.4
128	30	Mondeal	44	+ 3	9.8	5.9
579½	398½	Monk(Hldgs)†	455½	+ 9½	4.4	20.7
348	269	Porvair†	300	+ 3	2.0	
272	185	Scapa	194½	–	5.8	15.8
88	27	Sutcliffe Speak†	27		3.7	16.0
852½	656	Tahoda Chems	783½	– ½	6.9	14.0
498	338	Wardle Storeys	346	+ 3	5.2	10.4
239	186	Wellington Hldg	194		3.5	18.1
883	579	Weirbrook R	773		2.1	16.1
468	345	Yorks Chems	361		2.0	15.8
336	257	Yule Catto	258		3.2	19.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

3½	1½	Anglo Ind	1½			
110	61	App Holo	70			
165	107	Ashwood	118		5.3	
61	6½	Bailey (CH)	7			
49	30	Black Arrow	43		9.0	6.9
154	70	Br Databank	73			70.8
13	5½	Cabel Gp	5½			16.0
10½	4½	Chemcert	5½		2.0	19.5
157	108	Circle	143		7.0	9.6
207	188	Fitzkint	207		1.1	19.5
50	28	Hadeley	36		2.3	29.6
282	234	Hansbolt†	268		6.5	13.0
248	156	Hunt	169		3.1	14.8
274	214	Nobo Grp†	227		3.4	14.7
310	207	Prnto-Mrt†	236	+ 2	2.5	22.9
60	36	Print & Dsn	55		4.0	
12½	2½	Prom Group	4½			
61½	5½	Rudding	5½			
120	75	Shanks & McEwan	81	– 1	5.2	41.2
244	170	Sinclair (Wm)	171		5.2	13.2
700	323	Waste Mgt Ind	332			

ENGINEERING

185	119	Alfed	183	+ 3	3.1	
1100	875	APV	1075		4.6	
216	149½	ASW	193	– 1	2.9	
128	89½	Aero Hamblin	94		13.7	3.4
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	17		5.6	
79	27½	Ashtd	37		2.7	
175	139	Ash & Lacy	139		5.8	14.3
553	490	Atlas Equte	553		5.0	18.4
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	120		7.0	9.6
49½	26	Babcock	29½			
176	130	BWI	130	– 1	6.4	19.9
29	23	Bamford	26		2.6	20.2
226	110	Bilton (J)	117		5.7	7.9
328	262	Bodycote	324	– 1	2.1	22.1
61	43	Booth Indl	61			
29	13½	Bosworth	14		4.7	13.2
171	129	Bridon	151	– 9	3.3	
578½	396½	Br Aerospace	468½	– 3½	2.4	41.2
172½	121½	Br Steel	152½	– 1	2.9	18.4
125	85½	Bromsgrve Indl†	98		6.3	15.1
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½		1.0	
51	24½	Brunel	45½			
186	125	Bullough†	150		5.0	
80	56	Bwmbch	75		1.3	32.2
22	14	CI Group	16		3.1	
247	247	Carclo Engr	258	– 1	5.0	15.7
159	110	Coulings	155	– 1	3.3	13.9
380	160	Chamblin Hill	160		3.6	9.5
360	272	Chemring†	308		4.0	14.5
2567½	178	Clyde Blowers	179		3.1	
327	235	Cobham	307		3.2	15.3
688	403	Cohen (A)	508		0.8	
263	178	Concentric	185		4.2	14.6
310	231	Cook (Wm)	231		4.1	10.9
2090	1580	David Brown	2060		3.6	15.2
97	68	Dobson Park†	68		6.6	12.9
442	343	EIS	345		4.5	13.9
101	69	Elliott (B)	94		2.7	14.1
118	69	Expamet	83		3.9	58.8
212	141½	FKI	144		3.6	16.7
148	109	Fenner	135		1.4	62.5
45	18	Ferrnx	18			
88	73	GEI Int	88		2.6	16.1
134	91	Gifkin Eng	120		4.8	
404	295	Glynwed	310	– 1	4.7	18.2
14½	10	Graystone	12½		2.4	10.5
95	61	Hardys & Hans	66½		3.8	17.2
159	99	Hadfields	153		2.0	17.4
320	143	Hall Eng	146		6.9	11.4
256	191	Halma	193		1.7	29.9
73	47	Hampson Indl	53		4.8	9.5
48	26	Hay (Norman)	27			
184½	122	Hall & Cawdry	135		6.2	
41	27	Haw Gp	27			
103	78	Hawden	81	– 1	3.9	13.2
265	157	Hunting	170	– 1	7.4	24.3
579	396	IMI	500	– 2	4.2	26.5
91	37½	Johnson & Fir	42½			
628	488	Johnson Matth	529		2.9	19.8
35	25	Jones Stephen	29	– 1		
238	220	Kelsey Indl†	217		5.1	
271	205	Lindsi	271		3.2	16.8

DISTRIBUTORS

127	98	ABI Lds	98		5.2	11.3
317	246	Acsl	309		2.8	16.7
585	353	Adam & Harvey	580		3.3	7.4
31	30	Alexanders	31		8.2	
175	89	Appleyard	89	– 2	8.1	15.7
6	3½	Ass. Br Eng	4½		1.4	32.1
578	485	BSS Group	520		4.4	18.3
254	17	Blading Powtrt	23		9.4	11.8
405	249	Blatchley Mtr	253		5.2	10.4
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28		4.7	19.2
370	268	Bremner	345		4.7	15.2
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15		4.7	78.0
98	76	Brit Pillings	95		3.0	
71	40	Brown & Tawse	42			
57	36	Bundcrest	36		6.3	
465	245	Caltyns	358		3.6	42.4
20	17	Carlton Pte	17	– ½	8.1	9.4
130	73	Central Mtr	78		4.9	
37	27½	Cook (DC)	37	– 1	3.8	11.4
342½	197½	Cowie	325	– 1	6.1	11.2
172	127	Day Motors	138		5.9	15.9
653	446	Delmons Br	588		1.4	14.5
465	414½	Diploma	440		3.8	15.4
588	517	Electrocomponents	562	+ 6	2.6	20.3
175	133	Electron House	161		4.3	13.1
234	200	Evode	207		4.6	17.1
173	101	European Ma	101		3.6	
5384	376	Exmas Hatchow	376		4.7	11.8
6550	4600½	Farnell Elect	6510	+ 1	3.0	18.1
65½	47	Finlay Indstr	53		5.1	8.2
34	15	Gardner	30		5.0	
99	69	Glendevon	20			22.1
99	69	Gowrings	71		3.5	21.5
78	59	Hallen Hdgs	67			52.3
172	122	Harris (Philip)	169		5.1	14.8
3425	2538	Hedys	2981		3.6	13.8
191	98	Holders Tech	97		2.7	17.2
138	103	ISA Ind	103		2.1	12.9
608	294	Inchcape	294	– 6	6.4	9.8
68	39	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	145	Nash-Pat	150		3.3	17.2
573	381	Lex Service	381		5.9	10.9
282	182	Lookers	175		5.5	
30	14	Mdcps Gp	14		2.2	
9	3½	Middlecrs	7½			
449	279	Modsale	400		0.7	17.8
100	47	Moorbamber	92	+ 1	1.8	39.1
175	152	PCT	152		8.1	14.7
316	226	Pendragon	226		4.1	15.0
238	130	Perry Gp	139		6.7	7.1
367	239	Quarie Group	276		3.6	12.5
410	334½	Fakey Group	345		4.5	34.1
283	180	Forward Gp	247		2.8	15.2
58	14½	Forward Tech	45		2.1	9.3
323½	298	SFP Indl	298	– 8	2.0	14.0
191	102	Sealstar	118		2.5	
191	119	Sheehy	132	+ ½	5.7	12.4
183	121	Ind Control	141		4.4	17.9
3660	2633	Kenwood Appl	2688	– 1	4.3	13.2
1525	730	Kingfisher (A)	1325		2.0	9.8
165	38	Kode	58		7.4	
165	95	LPA Indl†	96		5.6	25.6
328	250	MFI Ind	298		1.8	18.8
281	210	Marshlr-Sw	252		2.2	17.8
31	27	Marshlr-Sw	27			
494	385	Mitchl	389	– 14		
91	60	Peter Systems	67		6.6	24.2
98	74½	Pwtt	79		6.4	19.9
2175	1400	Phillips Lnp ov	2131½	+ 19½	2.0	19.8
369	263	Pitro	282		2.0	18.0
344	275	Pitro 'A' Vtg	282		2.0	
178	70	Pitronic	118		4.0	
129	90	Pozzoni	103		3.4	19.8
43½	17½	Prospect	17			
303	181	Rotork	291	– 2	1.4	18.3
251	187	Recal Elect	230		2.4	18.9
53	33	Renishaw	46		6.2	12.6
311	207	Rexham	307		2.7	13.1
53	33	Scomarec	48		2.2	14.7
69	15	Scomarec 'A'	15			
84	53	Silverman	84		2.3	26.1
94	53	Soundtracs	54	+ 1	6.0	
92	38	Stein Rust	92	– ½	8.9	
19	7½	TDR Circuits	9½			
3825	2366½	TDR	3537½	– 87½	1.2	
447	174½	Tadpole Tech	244	– 13		
170	77	Telemetrix	89		1.6	10.2
107	61	TGI	69		3.2	16.6
385	191	Thorn EMI	355		3.4	12.5
245	133	Thorpe FW	234	+ 2	1.7	47.9
342	142	Thorpe FW	235		1.7	17.3
143	117	TLG	138		3.2	19.6
43	22	Total Systems	33			34.5
1023	515	Tracsis	1023		2.5	11.1
391	258	Unicorn	376	– 1	2.3	16.1
15½	8	Verity	9			24.2
483	370	Volex	370	– 7	6.2	15.5
209	60	Wahlstrom	70	+ 1		
168	93	Wilcock†	168	– 1	2.6	18.2

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

202	148	Advest	153		6.1	15.6
360	198½	Anglogold	306		1.4	24.9
43	25	Aminex	43		2.3	16.1
997	773½	Arbuthn Hld	870	– 2	4.3	17.8
401	273	BTR	315½	+ 1	4.9	16.7
570	372	BAT	446	– 8	6.8	11.7
370½	128½	Blackbrd Inv†	238	+ 4	6.3	63.3
89	71	Bibby (J)	89		4.5	14.6
57½	44	Bibby Hr	48½	– ½	9.3	2.6
836	636½	Cranlor	767	+ 2	3.7	22.5
265	215	Cookson	229	+ 1	3.5	21.4
1100	800	Courtaulds	1041	+ 1	4.3	22.7
220	136	Hanson Cr&Nt	141	– 1	8.0	16.0
365½	200½	Hicks Hmng	253½	+ ½	2.2	17.

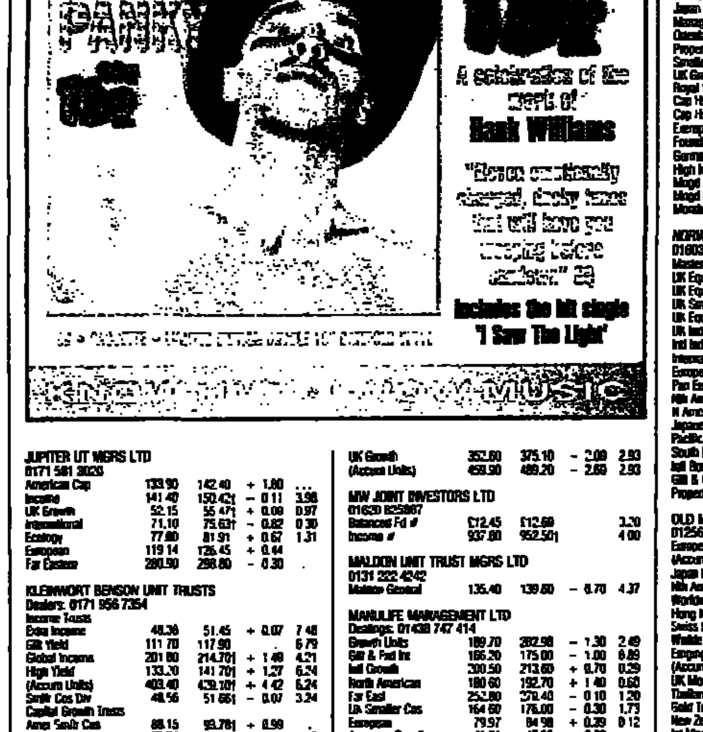
THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 01895 258 783				
Grolund Amer	162.20	171.79	+1.10	0.27
Grolund Equity	227.70	242.30	-1.30	2.05
Grolund Euro	197.80	209.40	-1.30	0.55
Grolund Intl Bd	109.30	113.30	...	4.04
Grolund Gilt	72.26	74.51	-0.29	5.71
Grolund Japan	158.20	167.40	-1.40	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 01203 553 231				
General Acc	518.20	551.30	+0.70	2.88
General Inc	457.00	486.20	+0.70	2.88
UK Growth Acc	349.50	371.80	+0.48	2.95
UK Growth Inc	239.30	254.60	+0.40	2.95
Higher Inc Acc	661.50	703.80	+5.30	4.06
Higher Inc Inc	382.30	406.80	+3.10	4.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	182.30	192.60	+0.10	6.01
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	88.64	93.64	+0.03	6.01
Nth America	268.70	285.90	+1.60	
Far East	324.60	345.40	-1.20	0.36
Europe	268.40	285.60	-2.10	0.90
Brit Except	69.30	73.73	-0.85	3.15
Brit Fndmtls Acc	99.45	105.80	-0.80	4.84
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.94	77.60	-0.44	4.84
Global Opps	81.67	86.89	-0.30	0.33
Balanced Acc	52.53	55.89†	+0.12	3.11
Balanced Inc	51.24	54.52†	+0.10	3.11
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.10	133.90	-0.40	7.97
High Inc Equity	154.50	165.20†	-0.90	4.76
Worldwide Bond	260.70	276.60†	+1.40	5.50
Capital Growth				
American Growth	280.30	300.30†	+1.20	.80
Asian Pacific	297.80	316.80	-1.00	
Assets & Earnings	248.90	264.80	-1.20	2.95
Comdty & Energy	98.82	103.00	-0.40	
Euro Capital Inc	131.40	140.50	+0.60	.69
(Accum Units)	140.40	150.10	+0.70	.69
General	218.40	232.30†	-1.60	2.34
Japan	114.60	122.60	-1.00	
Mastertrust	133.00	143.20	-0.50	1.74
UK Growth Dist	112.80	120.60	-1.80	2.86
US Emerging Cos	135.30	144.70	+0.30	
Income & Growth	368.80	390.70	-2.70	3.20
Ethical	64.84	68.77	-0.30	3.98
International	108.90	115.80	-0.20	1.10
Dividend & Growth	57.52	61.19†	-0.34	4.59
Global Grwth & Inc	66.35	70.66	-0.12	2.97
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.04	£16.71		
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	44.16	45.84	+0.33	0.67
Cash	50.41	50.41		4.46
Emerging Mkts	66.61	70.59		0.05
European	109.90	114.80†	+1.00	
Exempt	930.50	£10.04†	-0.70	1.85
Extra Income #	47.04	49.48	+0.13	6.09
Far East Emg Eco	107.70	114.20		0.55
Fixed Interest #	22.57	23.89		8.73
Fund Inv Tst	165.60	174.30		0.96
Japan	167.00	174.80		
Latin American	50.01	52.48		0.93
Pacific	68.40	71.95		0.37
Property Share	60.10	63.09†		2.16
UK Emerging Cos	80.12	83.11†		1.86
UK Growth	42.54	45.07		2.60
Aber World Port #	69.52	70.63		2.32
Ethical	59.98	62.96		2.79
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	49.05	49.05		7.65
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 549 3232				
British Growth	66.75	71.01†	-0.25	2.72
British Income	77.28	82.19†	-0.35	3.44
Select Portfolio	82.02	87.25†	-0.08	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 01452 305 958				
Amity Income	71.62	75.99	+0.11	2.57
Income Builder Inc	65.62	69.81	+0.42	2.98
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 01793 610 366 Client dlg: 01793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	219.40	234.50	+0.50	3.33
Capital	384.10	410.60	+0.70	2.01
Balanced	642.30	686.60†	+1.40	2.50
Accumulator	£11.93	£12.75	+1.00	3.18
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.04	50.28†	+0.15	3.54
High Income	373.40	399.10	+0.70	3.87
Equity Income	210.30	224.80†	-0.20	3.71
High Yield	225.70	241.20	-1.60	3.60
Govt Securities	32.33	34.13†	-0.04	8.21
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	143.50	153.40	+0.88	0.46
European Growth	33.53	35.76	+0.24	0.01
International	150.60	160.90†	-0.70	0.27
Japan	189.70	202.10†	-1.80	0.01
Pacific	357.40	382.00†	-2.00	0.01
Secs of America	416.80	443.60†	+2.00	0.52
Wrldwde Asset Val	45.53	48.87	-0.08	0.25
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	491.20	525.00†	+0.40	2.43
Conv & Gilt	41.19	44.03†	+0.16	5.27
Smaller Cos	159.30	170.20†	+0.28	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.80	162.20	+0.10	1.50
Recovery	128.60	137.40	+0.40	1.91
Met Min & Cdty	140.60	150.30	+1.30	0.79
Oseas Earnings	330.10	352.89†	+0.40	1.91
Technology	157.90	168.70		0.01
UK Special Sits	423.80	453.60	-0.70	1.91
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01293 526 911				
Conscit Dist Pens	93.45	97.09	...	3.84
Foundtn Pest Pens	58.51	60.78	...	2.28
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 600 0633				
Capital	67.73	72.05†	-0.09	1.95
International	61.87	65.61†		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 0131 222 4242				
America	278.50	297.40	+2.10	...
Bond	108.40	114.10†	-0.80	7.29
Brit Smlr Cos	93.03	98.97†	-0.18	1.80
Conv & Gen Inc #	62.29	66.27†	-0.43	5.63
Europe	215.20	228.20	+1.60	0.51
Euro Smlr Cos	97.12	103.50†	+0.50	0.61
Income Grwth	333.00	354.30	+1.80	4.46
Japan	285.20	302.80	-3.10	..
Latin American	63.22	67.25	-1.50	..
Pacific	98.04	104.30	+0.30	0.77
UK Smllr Cos	49.85	53.93	-0.06	1.44
Japan Fd	652.00	671.70†	-0.10	..
Mngd Fd	165.60	176.50	+0.60	2.98
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 0171 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	271.20	285.50		1.29
Capital Grwth	105.60	111.50	-1.80	2.41
Wrlde Opps	174.70	183.90	+3.20	0.43
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	326.10	339.60	-1.80	3.66
European Bd Inc	87.24	90.38†	-0.04	7.90
Exempt	70.39	75.08	-0.38	4.39
Financial	69.83	74.69	-0.11	2.91
500.0	421.80	450.90	-0.90	2.62
General	260.60	278.70	-1.20	2.78
Property	247.30	264.50		6.29
Trustee	170.40	182.30†	-0.80	2.58
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.50	100.50†	...	5.61
Extra Income	112.60	120.40	-0.50	4.25
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.93	57.81	-0.32	6.92
Income	491.50	525.80†	-2.90	4.29
Income Builder	88.76	94.64	-0.25	4.86
Intl Income	59.37	63.16†	-0.08	3.76
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	111.60	118.40†	-0.40	2.66
Leisure	115.60	123.00	-0.80	1.70
Recovery	389.30	416.40	-2.40	2.91
Smllr Cos Inc	41.72	44.74	-0.18	2.06
Special Sits	266.00	284.50	-1.20	1.70
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.50	131.00	+1.20	0.71
Aust Acc	223.60	238.10	-1.20	2.30
Aust Inc	137.70	146.50	-0.70	2.30
Euro Grwth Inc	146.20	155.10	+0.60	0.75
(Accum Units)	156.40	166.00	+0.70	0.75
Japan & Gen Inc	161.60	171.10	-1.40	..
(Accum Units)	163.50	173.10	-1.40	..
Japan Spec Sits	73.88	78.27	-0.55	...
Univ Tech Inc	75.76	80.51	+0.02	0.05
Worldwide	159.20	169.60†	..	0.87
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 0177 214 1004				
American Growth	91.36	96.82	+0.32	...
Amer Smllr Cos	130.30	139.60	+0.80	...
Convertibles	53.44	57.15	-0.04	5.70
Eastern	248.50	268.40	-0.30	0.10
Equity Income	84.24	89.61†	+0.07	4.80
European Growth	290.60	308.10	+2.30	0.80
Europe	212.80	226.0	+0.80	0.20
German Growth	74.62	79.17	+1.19	0.50
Global Bond	60.59	63.83†	-0.09	6.20
Global Growth	118.60	128.30	+0.10	...
Japan Growth	190.40	203.10	-2.8	...
Japan Sunrise	160.50	171.10	-1.90	..
Korea Trust	74.03	82.09	-0.52	..
Portfolio	123.70	132.60		1.80
(Accum Units)	225.70	241.80	+0.10	1.80
UK Growth	79.99	85.09	+0.10	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	80.89	86.51	-0.18	1.80
Select Managers	70.81	75.67	-0.04	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 0171 250 3300				
Intl Grwth Port Inc	71.52	76.08†	+0.78	...
Special Oppor Inc	51.11	54.37†	+0.55	..
For Brown Dolphin see GEM Dolphin				
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 0141 223 6000				
Balanced Growth	108.15	185.98	-2.06	1.97
(Accum Units)	112.58	119.14	-2.84	1.97
Smaller Cos	95.67	101.24	-0.04	1.28
Higher Yield #	42.29	44.75†	+0.19	4.76
American Gth Inc	71.25	75.40†	+0.67	..
European Growth	139.01	148.75	+0.10	...
(Accum Units)	135.63	143.52	+0.10	...
Global Bond Inc #	26.06	27.03	-0.07	7.83
Mngd Pfolio Inc	39.85	42.15	-0.02	1.72
(Accum Units)	40.41	42.74	-0.02	1.72
Intl Spec Opps	107.74	114.01	+0.31	..
Pacific Grth	115.11	121.81	-0.70	..
Formerly L&S				
UK General #	70.48	74.59†	-0.27	3.73
(Accum Units) #	72.18	76.38	-0.28	3.73
Japan	56.50	59.79†	-0.74	..
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.37	95.27	-0.04	7.49
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 480 7219				
Short Dated Gilt	64.65	65.48	-0.25	8.25
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0161 837 5060				
Environ :	147.30	156.60		1.77
UK Growth	157.90	168.00†	-0.70	2.49
UK Income	125.90	135.10	-0.50	4.55
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	178.20	188.98†	+0.30	2.10
-do- Income Dist	106.10	112.50	+0.40	4.45
(Accum Units)	320.20	339.60	+1.20	4.45
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.25	40.55†	-0.04	6.71
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 0161 236 5685 Enq 0161 236 5685 Dlg 0161 236 5862				
American & Gen	150.60	160.30	+1.50	..
European Inc	76.17	80.58	+0.52	0.59
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.38	81.26	-0.05	2.09
Growth	397.80	423.00	-2.90	2.61
Income & Growth	382.80	407.38†	+0.38	4.14
(Accum Units)	546.20	581.10	+0.50	4.14
Japan & Gen	66.58	70.85	-0.60	..
Master Portfolio	£97.27	£100.90†	+4.00	2.06
(Accum Units)	£116.04	£120.36	+8.00	2.06
Special Sits	90.45	96.23†	-0.04	2.60
High Yield	£12.49	£12.88		4.59
For Capital House see Newton				
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	79.23	84.53†	+0.12	2.59
American Portfolio	88.61	95.88	+0.76	1.22
European Portfolio	95.77	102.00	+1.47	0.79
Japanese Portfolio	60.16	63.88†	-0.32	..
Pacific Portfolio	128.82	138.52	-0.42	0.94
UK Inc & Growth	72.55	77.61	-0.12	3.40
UKing & Bond	54.50	55.11	+0.08	7.83

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	627.75	633.45		4.88
Fxd Int Sec	147.85	148.20		8.78
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0171 332 5000				
UK General Tst	60.26	64.18†	0.02	3.10
COIF-CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 0171 588 1815				
Inc	618.67	626.52		4.96
Accum	£26.31	£26.50		
Fixed Int Inc	120.20	120.42		9.63
Fixed Int Acc	187.69	187.55		
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 0171 637 7667				
Intl Growth	113.21	120.87		
UK Income	101.96	108.40		5.54
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 407 5966				
Beckman Inc	75.69	80.25	...	1.51
Beck Bio-Tech	26.87	29.80		
Acorn Emerald Tst	145.90	153.58		0.73
City Fin Accsec	65.66	69.85	..	1.30
City Fin America	85.65	90.16		...
City Fin Intl	71.75	75.53		0.08
City Fin Japan	151.19	159.15†		
Fears Hse Cap	261.10	281.93†		1.75
Fears Hse Inc	186.26	198.15		4.17
Buckley Wrld Grth	117.07	124.54		0.09
Fennerd Cap Cos	129.74	138.02	...	...
Fenmount Intl	142.79	151.90		
City Fin Ptfo Inc	51.57	54.06		4.39
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	51.88	55.05	-0.16	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Grth	55.94	59.83	+0.31	
Attr Mngd Grth	34.52	36.92	-0.02	0.46
Dragon Growth	63.31	67.71	-0.03	0.43
Equity High Inc	79.21	84.27	+0.43	4.13
(Accum Units)	106.52	113.32	+0.58	4.13
European Grth	49.74	52.97	+0.42	0.88
Evergreen	27.58	29.50	+0.14	
General Equity	79.67	84.53	-0.01	2.74
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.76	24.97†	-0.03	8.46
Japan Growth	47.79	51.11	-0.46	..
Pedigree Grwth	47.62	50.87	-0.03	2.76
Perf Sm Cos Inc	28.63	30.46	-0.01	1.36
(Accum Units)	29.75	31.65	-0.01	1.36
Retirement Inc #	24.78	26.34	+0.10	8.18
Special Sits	35.91	38.10	+0.01	2.06
UK & Overseas	45.63	48.54	+0.07	1.49
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 01634 888 000				
Capital	63.71	68.13†	-0.01	2.33
Income	57.21	61.18†	-0.11	4.32
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	150.82	160.45	+0.15	5.59
Fixed & Convertible	38.89	41.37†	-0.16	7.43
Monthly Inc Plus	47.24	50.25	-0.10	8.92
Preference Share	46.14	49.08†	-0.05	7.53
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	117.39	124.88†	+0.17	7.46
Managed Fund	64.63	68.75	+0.05	3.07
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	36.38	38.70	-0.08	1.75
(Accum Units)	41.62	44.28	-0.05	1.75
UK & General	74.12	78.85	+0.05	2.81
(Accum Units)	92.77	98.69	+0.07	2.81
UK Growth	132.73	141.20	+0.35	2.41
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	186.71	198.63	+1.06	0.25
Far Eastern Grth	121.92	129.70	+1.94	
Global Bond	76.13	80.89	+0.24	6.26
Japan Growth	110.54	117.60	-0.91	..
North Amer Grth	163.91	174.37	+1.57	..
Oriental Growth	71.24	75.79	-0.82	..
Worldwide Growth	82.31	86.29	+0.12	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.88	92.88	+0.01	5.81
Homesteader Fund	73.72	78.43†	-0.10	1.93
Quilter Fund	119.81	127.46†	-0.28	3.07
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 01438 744 840				
Growth Inc	54.90	58.42†	+0.05	3.20
(Accum Units)	59.46	63.25	+0.05	3.20
High Income	32.20	34.25	+0.01	4.80
Japan	33.23	35.35	-0.23	..
Smaller Cos Inc	28.44	30.25	-0.08	2.70
Smaller Cos	30.12	32.04	-0.03	2.70
North American	32.32	34.38	+0.20	0.70
European	36.42	38.74	+0.22	0.70
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	29.30	31.46†	..	3.53
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.00	142.60	+0.80	2.11
Income	65.82	70.03†	+0.19	5.28
European	59.45	63.25	+0.54	1.09
Recovery	147.50	157.00	+0.20	1.93
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 0171 283 9494				
Equity Dist	755.90	768.40	...	3.79
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 01277 680 370				
Fellowship Tst	69.09	73.50	+0.19	1.34
Income #	225.50	239.80	...	4.85
(Accum Units) #	552.20	590.60	...	4.85
Smaller Cos	147.80	157.20†	-0.30	0.63
(Accum Units)	180.70	192.20†	-0.30	0.63
Inv Portfolio	74.43	79.18	+0.35	1.51
High Inc Port #	65.21	69.37	-0.02	5.80
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 0171 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.02	£15.38	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£11.89	£12.12	...	...
UK Small Cos	£16.89	£17.58†	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.76	£16.26	..	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	191.90	202.60	.	3.07
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 315 2500				
European Grth	268.50	283.80	+1.40	0.98
New Asia	198.40	209.90	+0.20	0.16
Japan Growth	111.60	119.20	-1.10	...
Jap Smllr Co	461.30	490.40	-0.60	...
Nth Amer	257.10	272.40	+0.50	0.67
Shitd Asia Pac Mi	111.00	117.20	-0.20	0.38
UK Inc & Grth	200.60	213.80		3.11
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	132.30	140.70	-0.60	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	141.09	150.00	-0.60	4.80
(Accum Units)	180.50	192.00	-1.10	4.80
UK Pref & F I Inc	55.51	58.92	-0.23	5.32
Envmntl Opps	79.02	84.05	-0.15	1.12
UK Smlr Cos Inc	47.60	50.00	...	
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 880 525				
American	120.95	128.20	+1.10	1.37
Convertibles #	19.79	21.03	-0.03	6.66
Equity Income #	119.00	126.40	+0.10	4.19
EuroFund	44.09	46.78	+0.37	0.43
Financial	41.46	44.05	+0.04	1.70
Growth & Inc #	220.70	234.50†	+0.60	3.28
High Dist #	146.00	155.10	+0.10	4.84
International	358.70	381.10	+0.20	0.13
Inv Cap Inc	88.89	94.49	+0.50	2.90
Latin American	27.22	28.92	-0.17	..
Pacific	74.58	79.22	+0.06	...
Preference Share	21.85	23.22†	-0.02	7.11
Tokyo	206.80	219.70	-1.80	..
UK Smaller Cos	210.50	224.10	-0.50	1.21
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 0171 242 0242				
Ebor Tust	201.20	214.74	+5.28	1.01
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	188.00	200.00	.	1.01
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 01296 431 480				
European	77.51	81.59	+0.08	1.63
Ethical Tst	41.83	44.03†	+0.32	1.32
Far Eastern	277.35	291.95	-1.31	2.06
High Income	124.69	131.25	+0.37	4.98
Intl Growth	112.63	118.56	+0.08	1.37
North American	107.75	113.42	+0.37	1.34
Pelican	110.42	116.23	+0.32	3.31
Smaller Cos	63.81	67.17	-0.15	2.81
Special Sits	82.92	87.28	-0.11	2.45
Tst of Inv Tsts	171.28	180.29†	-0.27	1.80
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	188.87	198.82	+0.20	1.47
Smaller Cos Acc	333.98	347.90	+0.38	1.47
Recovery	48.41	50.43	+0.07	1.41
Recovery Acc	48.93	50.97	+0.07	1.41
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 01392 412 144				
Balanced	107.05	113.89	-0.28	6.11
Capital Growth	76.18	81.69	-0.11	
Fd of Inv Tsts	41.78	44.57†	-0.09	0.65
High Income #	40.80	43.72†	+0.02	10.52
Warrant	49.61	53.92	-0.27	..
Zero Preference	36.71	38.95	+0.01	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.55	78.24†	-0.28	2.84
Family Income Tst	45.46	45.46†	-0.09	6.31
Family Trust	79.68	84.76†	-0.11	1.52
United Charities	247.40	263.10	-0.90	3.95
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	5.90
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Inc	26.23	26.33†	-0.13	7.81
Intl Bond	27.32	28.34†	+0.13	5.33
Income Funds				
High Income	23.61	24.85†	-0.05	5.23
Income Plus	105.60	111.70	..	4.25
Amer Eq Inc	46.07	48.75†	+0.39	2.07
Asian Eq Inc	40.46	43.05†	-0.05	1.76
European Income	58.84	62.58	-0.11	2.08
Far East Inc	21.54	22.88	-0.03	3.73
Global Convertible	23.28	24.76	+0.07	1.87
UK Div Grth				
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.61	62.52	-0.04	
American	235.60	249.50	+1.60	
Amer Spec Sits	112.10	119.60	+0.80	..
Japan Smaller Cos	36.22	38.64	-0.14	
European	164.00	174.40	+1.10	.
European Opps	60.99	64.85	+0.33	.
Global Priv	23.80	25.33	+0.27	1.01
UK Growth	85.75	91.18	+0.14	..
Growth & Inc	133.50	142.00	+0.40	2.40
Intl PEP	34.80	37.01	+0.08	...
Japan Spec Sits	87.16	92.83†	-0.38	
Japan	177.10	188.60	-1.70	
Managed Intl	258.59	275.89	+0.30	
Moneybuilder	50.15	53.33	+0.07	.
Recovery	45.03	47.88	-0.03	
South E Asia	136.70	145.90	-0.50	..
Special Sits	488.80	519.80	+0.60	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	108.17	108.17	+0.01	5.90
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	128.30	131.20		1.62
Inc Ptflo #	81.56	83.86	-0.16	4.03
Cap Ptflo	133.20	135.50†	-0.20	1.32
General Opps	115.50	117.40		3.57
Growth Inc	28.48	29.07	-0.10	1.85
Private Portfolio	383.70	391.80	.	1.34
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq 0171 454 1434 Dlg 01277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	108.70	115.90	+1.00	0.59
Emrg Asian	158.10	170.20	+0.80	..
High Income	20.67	21.98†		10.25
Oseas Income	87.08	93.08	+0.04	3.46
UK Growth	100.90	108.00†	-0.20	1.70
UK Income	100.20	106.80	-0.20	3.84
US Smaller Cos	295.00	315.50	+1.60	.

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 0171 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	45.21	47.54	-0.18	3.43
-do- Inv Tst Inc	71.51	75.19	-0.12	4.39
Intl Growth	84.37	87.02	-0.21	1.32
Investment Trust	84.91	89.78	-0.19	
UK Smaller Cos	74.52	78.38†	-0.14	1.02
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 374 4100				
American Growth	55.76	58.64	+0.46	.
(Accum Units)	55.78	58.64	+0.48	
Amer Smlr Cos	471.00	505.90	+5.40	
(Accum Units)	483.20	518.80	+5.50	
Capital Tst	288.40	307.80	-0.60	1.61
(Accum Units)	413.30	439.50	-1.00	1.61
Conti Smlr Cos	57.94	61.07	+0.15	0.50
(Accum Units)	60.93	65.06	+0.15	0.50
Convertible	120.50	128.20†	-0.30	5.87
(Accum Units)	243.40	258.90†	-0.70	5.87
Emerging Markets	65.76	70.25	-0.21	...
(Accum Units)	65.82	70.31	-0.21	
European	114.60	121.40	+0.50	0.14
(Accum Units)	120.10	127.20	+0.50	0.14
Extra Income	313.30	333.20†	+0.60	4.03
(Accum Units)	470.70	500.60†	+1.00	4.03
Financial	118.70	127.30	+0.30	0.30
(Accum Units)	125.00	134.10	+0.40	0.30
Gilt Trust	60.23	62.10	-0.55	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.11	86.74	-0.76	6.37
Health Fund Inc	132.80	141.80	+0.40	
(Accum Units)	132.80	141.80	+0.40	
Income & Growth	179.70	191.10	-0.30	3.32
(Accum Units)	271.30	288.60	-0.50	3.32
Intl Growth	342.20	366.30	+0.70	.
(Accum Units)	380.00	406.80	+0.80	.
Japan & Gen	161.00	172.00	-1.60	.
(Accum Units)	162.60	173.80	-1.80	.
Monitor Inc	154.80	164.60†	+0.70	4.06
Managed Port Inc	98.99	104.20	...	1.47
(Accum Units)	105.00	110.50		1.47
Charity Income	49.45	52.59	-0.10	4.82
(Accum Units)	53.07	56.43	-0.12	4.82
Recovery	323.80	346.70†		0.13
(Accum Units)	381.20	407.60†		0.13
UK Growth	51.17	54.84	+0.10	2.79
(Accum Units)	52.93	56.57	+0.11	2.79
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing 01705 881330 Enq 01705 881340				
FP Am Smllr Cos	111.40	119.10	+0.70	0.0
FP Asian Growth	238.90	254.00	-3.90	0.0
FP Equity Dist	368.90	393.90	-2.30	2.86
-do- Accum	767.30	819.90	-4.80	2.86
FP Euro Gth Dist	140.30	149.20†	+1.20	0.39
-do- Accum	146.20	155.50†	+1.20	0.39
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.10	135.30	-0.29	7.49
-do- Accum	234.80	248.00	-0.40	7.49
FP Intl Gth Dist	87.56	93.13	+0.17	0.66
-do- Accum	91.68	97.51	+0.18	0.66
FP Nth Amer Dist	183.80	194.60†	+1.80	1.20
-do- Accum	202.40	214.40†	+1.90	1.20
FP Pac Basin Dist	289.00	307.40†	-0.70	0.22
-do- Accum	294.90	313.70†	-0.70	0.22
FP Income	51.18	54.59	+0.06	4.21
(Accum Units)	165.60	176.60	+0.10	4.21
FP Jap Smllr Cos	323.80	345.10	-1.80	0.0
FP Monthly Dist	67.94	72.50†	-0.07	6.12
FP Stlg Deposit	100.50	100.50†		6.25
FP Tokyo	81.06	86.46	-0.72	0.0
FP UK Focus	34.41	37.00	-0.27	2.69
FP UK Growth	161.00	172.30†	-0.10	2.79
(Accum Units)	312.90	333.70	-0.10	2.79
Stewardship Dist	308.80	328.50	0.80	2.09
-do- Accum	377.70	401.80	-1.00	2.09
Stewdshp Inc Dist	67.12	71.48†	-0.19	3.87
-do- Accum	87.06	92.61†	-0.25	3.87
N Am Stshp Dist	94.76	100.80†	+0.91	0.75
-do- Accum	100.80	107.20†	+1.10	0.75
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Grth Acc	102.90	109.40†	-0.30	0.92
Open Cap Gth Acc	104.50	111.10†	-0.40	0.29
Cap Gth Inc Inc	99.27	105.60	-0.40	1.78
Cap Gth Inc Acc	101.70	108.10	-0.40	1.78
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	101.30	107.70	-0.30	1.82
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.00	110.60	-0.20	1.82
Mid Unit Trusts				
American	44.71	47.56	+0.26	1.16
Australian	295.70	317.20	-0.20	0.0
European	197.40	209.80	+1.60	0.79
(Accum Units)	213.50	227.10	+1.80	0.79
Gilt & FI	54.19	57.31†	-0.07	8.58
Gold	43.45	46.72	-0.38	0.0
Intl	30.59	32.64	+0.19	0.50
(Accum Units)	44.37	47.35	+0.30	0.50
Smaller Cos	27.99	30.09	-0.10	1.29
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	221.70	234.50	-1.30	2.69
Cash	49.35	50.09†	+0.01	4.90
Growth Portfolio	73.44	77.84	-0.06	1.04
Income Portfolio	61.01	64.51†	-0.07	4.56
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD 0171 224 6441				
Special Sits	167.00	178.60	+0.40	1.57
Dividend	80.56	86.16†	-0.51	4.00
Intl Gth & Inc	203.50	217.02†	-0.70	3.34
UK & Gen	42.03	44.95	-0.26	2.47
Fund of Funds	59.99	64.16	-0.17	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 0171 710 4567 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	177.90	190.30	+0.70	
European	542.40	578.70	-0.10	0.47
Far East & Gen	236.80	253.30	-2.10	
Germany	114.79	121.50	+1.10	..
Income Inc	144.00	154.00	-0.20	4.70
(Accum Units)	152.50	163.10	-0.20	4.70
International	305.30	326.60	+0.20	0.21
Intl Income	77.04	81.72	+0.53	4.15
Japan & General	369.50	392.90	-2.10	
Korean Securities	60.78	65.02	-0.52	..
Smllr Cos Div Inc	42.41	45.36†	-0.09	5.29
UK Capital Inc	154.30	165.10†	-0.70	1.40
UK Capital Acc	269.70	288.50	-1.20	1.40
UK Spec Sits	77.38	82.74	-0.23	0.74
US & General	131.99	140.40	+0.70	..
Wrlde Spec Sits	140.70	150.50	-0.10	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.73	47.82†	+0.12	2.49
Cash Trust	136.50	136.50†	+0.01	5.89
Practical Inv Inc #	109.24	116.83	-0.15	3.52
(Accum Units) #	248.37	265.64	-0.34	3.52
UK Index	141.67	143.10	+0.11	3.42
UK Smaller Cos	114.04	121.97	-0.33	1.10
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.15	26.90†		9.18
High Income	31.50	33.69†	+0.12	5.31
UK Equity Income	127.85	136.74†	+0.29	3.75
Global Bond	27.70	28.71	+0.09	5.36
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	45.67	48.84	-0.04	0.16
Global Inc & Gth	125.93	134.14	+0.18	2.27
Gold & Intl Res	99.99	106.94	+0.19	0.07
Global Utilities	126.34	135.49†	+1.91	1.23
Overseas Funds				
American	140.39	149.60	+1.34	1.19
European	98.40	104.35	+0.71	1.02
Euro Sel Opps	141.41	150.38	+1.08	..
Amer Emerging	97.29	104.05	+0.72	..
Hong Kong	123.59	132.61	-0.77	1.89
Japan	223.67	239.78	-2.09	
Pacific Growth	199.96	213.88	-0.80	1.54
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	203.85	203.85†	+0.39	2.12
Long Term Bal	223.05	223.05†	+0.44	3.10
Med Term Bal	190.04	190.04†	+0.37	3.67
UK Equity	230.84	230.84	+0.56	2.53
UK Emerging Cos	132.53	132.53	-0.25	2.32
American	231.56	231.56	+1.64	1.51
Japan	116.06	116.06	-2.05	..
European	252.94	252.94	+0.25	1.10
Index Linked Gilt	164.30	164.30	-0.12	3.03
Fixed Interest	152.01	152.01	-0.16	6.94
Amer Emerge	250.03	250.03	+2.14	0.20
Pacific	216.78	216.78	-1.25	0.89
Emerging Mkts	124.36	124.36	+0.11	1.00
Index Shd Japan	143.41	143.41	-1.57	0.27
-do- Pacific Rim	168.69	168.69	-1.32	1.42
-do- Cont Europe	144.64	144.64	+0.49	1.75
Index Shd UK	132.29	132.29	+0.42	2.32
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	96.30	102.45	+0.20	..
Med Term Bal	90.41	96.18	+0.14	..
Long Term Bal	100.41	106.82	+0.27	.
UK Equity	106.75	113.57	+0.28	..
UK Emerging Cos	62.13	66.10	-0.12	
American	107.37	114.22	+0.81	
Japan	56.18	59.77	-0.57	
European	108.12	112.89	+0.88	.
Fixed Interest	76.90	81.81	-0.10	
Index Linked Gilt	72.96	77.62	-0.06	
Deposit	80.08	85.19	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inv Gth	111.70	118.80		
Berkeley Income #	106.20	113.00†	-0.36	3.67
BWH Intl	131.45	138.37	-0.14	0.61
Brettll Gth Port Inc	58.20	61.43	-0.13	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.26	57.27†	-0.18	3.40
-do- Wrlde Port	50.85	53.67	-0.07	0.10
Shaw Utilities	59.42	62.71	+2.63	2.73
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
$ Intl Inc	521.84	554.30†		1.61
(Accum Units)	579.50	616.49		1.61
European Inc	137.25	146.01†	+0.51	1.01
Amalgam Inc	137.81	149.81	+1.44	..
N America Inc	322.99	343.61		.
Far East Inc	319.07	339.44		
(Accum Units)	330.48	351.56		
UK Dvld Inc	168.01	178.73†	..	1.53
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.19	88.66	-0.47	4.71
UK Small Cos	45.58	48.75	+0.01	1.01
British Growth	50.96	53.84	-0.33	2.57
American Growth	164.64	176.08†	+1.18	
Japan Grwth	70.84	75.77†	-0.15	
Greater China	177.14	189.45	-0.95	
Pacific Strategy	148.83	159.18†	-1.80	
European Grwth	83.49	89.29	+0.39	0.29
Intl Growth	138.64	148.28	+0.59	
US Index (£)	13.52	14.24	+0.09	4.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Intl	71.16	75.27	-0.27	2.29
Monthly Income	35.71	38.08†	-0.13	8.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	9.88	10.40	-0.09	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	82.80	88.08†		1.74
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 0171 538 9568				
Cash	138.00	138.00		4.71
European	472.70	505.00	+2.70	0.15
Gilt & Fixed	124.20	131.80	-0.20	5.78
Growth Equity	309.20	330.30	-1.90	2.07
Income Trust	124.80	133.30	-0.80	3.18
International	172.60	184.40	+0.30	0.17
Japan Trust	130.78	139.90†	-0.90	
Nth American	257.70	275.30	+2.70	0.20
Pacific	506.50	541.10	-0.10	
Guardhill	462.80	494.40	-2.70	2.03
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	99.72	103.50	-0.54	6.55
Global High Inc	97.22	100.90†	-0.44	6.62
Prem Fixed Int	99.49	103.27	-0.78	8.37
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.94	104.13†	-0.57	5.16
European Growth	99.87	105.34	-0.41	
Intl PEP Trust	57.71	61.36	-0.28	
High Income	113.61	120.80†	-2.35	4.31
-do- Accum	156.29	166.17	-3.26	4.31
Recovery	349.60	371.70	-0.50	1.67
(Accum Units)	401.30	426.70	-0.50	1.67
St Vinc High Inc	117.54	119.30	-3.67	7.34
UK Emerg Cos	234.30	249.10	-0.29	1.50
UK Smlr Cos	350.90	357.10†	-0.30	2.06
Glob Priv Tst	89.66	95.33	-0.43	1.52
(Accum Units)	90.50	96.22	-0.44	1.52
Inc Share Tst	87.11	92.62	+1.88	8.36
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD Dealing: 0171 220 5050				
Growth	24.37	25.84	+0.12	2.00
Growth Acc	24.37	25.84	+0.12	2.00
Income	24.38	25.85	.	3.50
Income Acc	24.38	25.85		3.50
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
Model Ptflo	191.10	202.80	+0.30	2.68
Smaller Cos	30.80	32.77†	+0.06	0.95
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 01277 263 290 Dealing: 01277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	278.34	297.82	-0.35	1.20
Best of British	61.17	65.02	+0.01	2.75
UK Smaller Cos	118.37	127.24†	+0.02	1.62
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	262.09	279.11	-0.23	3.69
(Accum Units)	704.54	753.30	-0.60	3.69

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income #	300.71	321.45†	-0.45	4.18
Extra Income #	266.50	283.41	-0.08	5.90
Pref & Gilt	45.68	49.10†	-0.02	8.69
International				
International	254.42	270.68	-0.26	0.61
Global Bond	51.91	55.28		8.57
Family of Funds	77.64	83.03†	-0.15	0.18
Global Tech	152.10	162.67	+0.37	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	163.02	174.33	-0.50	0.42
European	458.37	486.79	+2.91	0.35
European Income	78.69	83.51†	+0.41	2.72
Euro Smlr Cos	150.07	160.69	+0.73	0.05
Eur Sp Sits	68.82	73.21	+0.39	0.22
(Accum Units)	73.72	78.42	+0.41	0.22
Japan Trust	200.28	213.12†	-1.81	
Japan Special Sits	224.90	239.56	-1.64	
Pacific Smlr Cos	234.54	250.95	-1.08	
North American	235.62	250.44†	+1.82	0.52
American Smaller	105.87	113.17	+0.60	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.93	59.78	+0.27	
Eur Sp Sits	57.91	61.48	-1.07	.
General Growth	41.66	44.15	+0.01	.
Global Tech	59.51	63.08	+0.14	
Income Growth	40.40	42.82	-0.03	..
Japan Growth	24.53	26.00	-0.22	.
Smaller Cos	21.29	22.56		
Special Opps	28.32	30.01		
Wrlwd Sp Sits	46.39	49.17		0.06
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 0181 686 4355				
British	93.22	97.61	-0.05	2.16
Capital	163.86	171.50†	+0.20	1.58
Dollar	341.20	357.20	+2.90	
Enterprise Grth	304.80	318.90	-0.30	1.94
European	217.30	227.50	+2.00	0.57
Far East	297.30	311.30	-0.30	0.15
Financial	767.70	803.80	+2.40	1.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.61	25.59†	-0.24	7.66
High Yield	99.27	103.80	-0.30	4.38
Income & Growth	136.30	142.70	+0.20	3.54
International	241.30	252.60†	+0.60	
Japanese General	189.60	198.50	-1.60	
Japan Tech	76.10	79.68†	-0.44	
Nat Resources	66.94	70.09	+0.13	
Portfolio	68.83	72.07	+0.06	1.41
Smaller Cos	119.40	125.00	-0.10	1.60
Special Sits	144.90	151.70	+0.40	1.52
UK Emerging Cos	88.36	92.52	-0.01	0.68
US Smaller Cos	83.73	87.67	+1.02	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Balanced #	96.20	102.60†	-0.19	6.73
Capital	567.90	600.70	+3.80	2.49
Income #	532.50	568.30†	+2.40	5.21
Footsie Fund	50.78	51.62	-0.05	2.94
Tribe Index	103.80	110.80	+1.40	2.12
UK Index	131.30	140.10†	+0.10	3.20
International Funds				
American Growth	479.50	511.70	+4.50	0.62
American Index	197.80	210.80†	+1.50	1.21
European Growth	107.80	114.80†	+0.70	0.33
Eurotrack 100	153.80	163.50†	+1.20	0.87
Global Bond	20.40	21.53†	+0.13	6.04
Japan Growth	256.90	273.40	-1.40	
Japan Index	76.13	81.25†	-0.57	0.04
Japan Smlr Cos	33.23	35.46†	-0.01	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	51.93	55.42†	-0.53	0.23
Hong Kong Gwth	87.41	93.29	-0.32	1.51
Spore & Mlysa Gth	70.87	75.63	-1.09	
Tiger Index	194.50	207.60	+0.10	1.40
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.75	29.84†	0.03	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	68.32	70.91	+0.04	1.97
Rupert Childs Fnd	80.67	83.73	-0.14	2.56
UK Growth	56.68	58.83	-0.01	2.45
High Income Funds				
Cashflow (Dist)	50.07	50.07†	-0.01	4.87
Cashflow (Acc)	59.03	59.03†		4.87
UK Extra Inc	81.62	84.72†	+0.07	6.71
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.51	26.30†	-0.07	7.80
UK Inc & Gwth	38.72	40.19	+0.09	4.01
UK Income	321.70	333.90	-0.10	3.80
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.99	49.70	+0.37	0.57
Amer Smllr Cos	113.90	118.20	+0.90	
(Accum Units)	115.10	119.40	+0.80	
Europe Grth	147.70	153.00	+1.10	..
(Accum Units)	152.70	158.10	+1.00	..
Euro Smaller Cos	27.56	28.60	+0.14	
French Growth	72.73	75.49†	+0.52	0.36
Accum Units	78.02	80.98†	+0.56	0.35
H Kong & China	71.25	73.95†	-1.19	2.01
Intl Growth	54.78	56.86	+0.01	0.70
(Accum Units)	55.24	57.33	+0.01	0.70
Japan Gth	30.82	31.99	-0.35	.
Accum Units	30.82	31.99	-0.35	.
Japan Smaller Cos	37.87	39.30	-0.12	.
Glob Emg Mkts	90.37	93.80	-0.41	.
Accum Units	91.82	94.47	-0.41	..
SE Asia	297.86	309.10	-0.30	0.50
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	52.42	54.00	+0.30	6.01



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 0171 581 3020				
American Cap	133.90	142.40	+1.80	...
Income	141.40	150.42†	-0.11	3.98
UK Growth	52.15	55.47†	+0.08	0.97
International	71.10	75.63†	-0.82	0.30
Ecology	77.00	81.91	+0.62	1.31
European	119.14	126.45	+0.44	
Far Eastern	280.90	298.80	-0.30	.
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 0171 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.36	51.45	+0.07	7.48
Gilt Yield	111.70	117.90	.	6.79
Global Income	201.80	214.70†	+1.40	4.21
High Yield	133.20	141.70†	+1.27	6.24
(Accum Units)	403.40	429.10†	+4.42	6.24
Smllr Cos Div	48.56	51.66†	-0.07	3.24
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	88.15	93.78†	+0.99	.
North American	75.84	80.68	+0.98	0.15
European Special	106.00	112.80	+1.30	0.13
European	149.40	158.90	+1.50	0.38
(Accum Units)	195.20	208.70	+1.90	0.38
General	261.60	278.30†	+1.40	3.26
Japan	381.30	405.60	-3.00	
Japanese Special	220.70	234.80	-2.70	...
Master Accum	225.50	239.90	+0.10	0.57
Pacific	307.50	327.10	-0.80	
(Accum Units)	360.60	383.60	-1.10	
Smaller Cos	102.50	109.00	-0.10	0.63
UK Equity Growth	36.69	39.03†		1.67
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 0171 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	59.13	62.90	+0.03	
Inv Trust	62.74	66.74	-0.39	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.32	59.91	-0.10	1.50
High Inc Acc	53.98	57.42	-0.18	3.90
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 588 2800				
Income	561.40	562.70†	+5.30	6.83
Intl & General	387.70	395.60†	-0.90	0.01
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	253.77	269.91	+0.81	5.56
Inc & Growth Inc	53.72	57.15†	-0.05	4.74
Smaller Cos	53.33	56.73	-0.10	1.45
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	233.80	248.70	+0.20	2.19
High Income	103.30	109.80†	-0.90	4.40
International	95.02	101.00	-0.10	0.60
Recovery Trust	60.57	64.43	+0.03	1.58
European Trust	79.90	85.00	+0.56	1.03
Japanese Trust	41.21	43.84†	-0.29	.
American Trust	86.06	91.55	+0.65	
Managed	64.71	68.83	+0.86	0.55
Cash	51.35	51.35		5.01
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 374 0916				
UK Cap	346.30	352.20	+0.30	2.77
UK Inc/Gth	370.80	376.30	+1.90	3.44
UK Income	260.60	264.20	-0.10	4.41
UK Sm Cos	223.20	232.20		2.10
Euro Grth	123.30	124.10	+1.30	.
N Amer Grth	81.11	81.95	+0.26	0.11
Japan Growth	81.48	82.13	-0.19	
Money Mkt	122.14	122.14	.	1.516
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist	452.70	481.60	+0.50	2.72
(Accum Units)	890.50	947.30	+0.90	2.72
Equity Income	92.99	98.93†	+0.05	4.13
UK Tactical Allocn	54.05	57.39	+0.10	3.09
European	113.50	120.70†	+0.90	0.95
Far Eastern	208.40	221.70	-1.99	
Fixed Interest	50.00	53.19	-0.14	6.88
Gilt	86.10	91.30	-0.30	6.75
Global Growth	71.91	76.50	+0.08	0.10
Intl Bond	50.44	53.57†	+0.27	5.26
Japanese	67.59	71.90	-0.38	
North American	144.50	153.70†	+0.80	1.03
Pacific Growth	103.30	109.90	-0.80	0.19
UK Index	59.96	63.39	+0.04	3.19
UK Recovery	86.57	92.10	+0.02	1.82
UK Smaller Cos	114.50	121.80†	-0.20	1.55
US Index	59.83	62.93	+0.40	1.80
European Index	73.60	77.94†	+0.60	1.56
Japan Index	39.57	41.76	-0.29	
Worldwide	79.57	84.76		1.42
LINCOLN NATIONAL 0181 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	47.99	51.58†	+0.14	2.10
Income	56.68	60.92†	+0.32	3.11
Far East	49.67	53.12	-0.22	...
North American	91.31	97.70	+0.76	
Global	85.73	92.75	+0.13	0.17
European	84.80	90.70	+0.71	0.39
Japan	101.10	108.10	-0.20	
Intl Currency Bd	56.63	60.09	+0.29	5.01
SE Asia	98.15	105.00	+0.38	
UK Cap Growth	88.62	94.78	+0.40	1.36
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 01634 834 339 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	326.90	347.80	-2.00	2.93
-do- Acc	743.40	790.90	-4.50	2.93
Contl Euro Gth	62.56	65.86	-0.38	0.83
-do- Acc	66.85	70.37	+0.32	0.89
Extra Inc	245.60	261.30	+2.10	4.15
-do- Acc	637.70	672.50	+5.70	4.15
FTSE 100 Inc	94.56	100.60	-0.50	2.80
FTSE 100 Acc	94.56	100.60	-0.50	2.86
German Gth	126.80	133.50	+1.50	0.02
-do- Acc	133.00	140.00	+1.50	0.02
Growth Port	513.90	546.80	-9.60	0.32
-do- Acc	522.40	555.80	-9.80	0.32
Hi Reserve Inc #	95.88	102.00	-0.60	6.10
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Income	468.30	498.20	-3.90	3.92
-do- Acc	£12.56	£13.37	-9.00	3.92
Income Port	493.10	524.60†	-1.90	4.04
-do- Acc	523.10	556.50	-2.10	4.04
Japan Growth	95.24	101.40	-1.10	.
-do- Acc	95.58	101.70	-1.10	
Master Tust	55.52	59.07	-0.14	1.55
-do- Acc	61.58	65.34	-0.16	1.55
N American Gen	175.80	187.10	+1.10	0.91
-do- Acc	203.10	216.10	+1.30	0.91
NAm Sm Co Rec	135.70	144.40	+0.70	
-do- Acc	138.50	147.40	+0.80	...
Pacific Basin	233.80	248.80†	-5.90	0.80
-do- Acc	248.40	264.30	-6.30	0.80
Small Cos Rec	338.85	358.70	-0.50	2.12
-do- Acc	453.00	476.90	-0.70	2.12
UK Growth	81.38	86.52†	-0.47	2.61
-do- Acc	98.88	105.20	-0.60	2.61
Worldwide Gth	294.90	313.90	+0.10	0.56
-do- Acc	435.00	462.50	+0.10	0.56
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 01392 282 673				
American	63.44	68.06	-0.50	0.10
General	81.63	87.58	-0.43	2.60
Income	62.66	67.27	-0.29	5.50
International	60.20	64.59	+0.03	0.50
Japan	54.27	58.22	-0.54	
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.85	68.50	-0.21	1.40
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	382.40	404.40†	-3.50	0.75
(Accum Units)	476.40	503.80	-4.20	0.75
Amer Recovery	443.60	469.10	-2.70	0.52
(Accum Units)	509.00	538.30	-3.10	0.52
Amer Smlr Cos	131.40	139.00†	+0.30	
(Accum Units)	134.20	142.00	+0.30	
Australasian	144.80	153.10†	-0.70	2.28
(Accum Units)	177.20	187.30	-0.90	2.28
Capital	782.30	827.30†	-4.50	2.73
(Accum Units)	897.80	949.20	-5.20	2.73
Charifund	652.40	659.00†	-4.90	5.92
(Accum Units)	£30.45	£30.76	-22.70	5.92
Commodity	367.70	388.30†	+0.40	0.35
(Accum Units)	539.10	570.10	+0.70	0.35
Compound Grth	897.80	949.40	-5.00	3.05
(Accum Units)	941.10	995.10	-5.30	3.05
Dividend	37.80	40.00	-0.30	4.61
(Accum Units)	158.60	167.70	-1.40	4.61
Equity Income	324.30	342.90†	-1.70	5.13
(Accum Units)	421.30	445.50	-2.10	5.13
Euro & General	486.10	514.10	+2.00	1.11
(Accum Units)	614.50	650.30	+2.50	1.11
Euro Dividend	67.20	71.18†	+0.10	3.73
(Accum Units)	80.90	85.60	+0.10	3.73
Extra Yield	397.40	420.20	-3.30	5.07
(Accum Units)	£12.33	£13.04	-10.50	5.07
Far Eastern	329.70	348.70	-1.40	0.91
(Accum Units)	436.80	461.90	-1.90	0.91
Fund of Inv Tsts	572.60	605.50	-3.10	2.14
(Accum Units)	£10.69	£11.31	-5.80	2.14
General	57.80	61.18	-0.50	3.89
(Accum Units)	162.50	172.00	-1.20	3.89
Gilt Income	57.48	57.59†	-0.45	8.21
(Accum Units)	150.06	150.36	-1.25	8.21
Gold	58.40	61.82†	-2.20	1.21
(Accum Units)	69.00	73.00	-0.20	1.21
High Income	27.00	28.50	-0.30	4.90
(Accum Units)	108.30	114.60	-0.85	4.30
Intl Growth	72.50	76.70†	.	1.09
(Accum Units)	126.60	133.80		1.09
International Inc	94.50	99.90	+0.10	4.63
(Accum Units)	140.30	148.20		4.63
Japan & Gen	43.70	46.20	-0.20	.
(Accum Units)	46.90	49.60	-0.20	
Japan Smlr Cos	155.00	163.90	-1.00	.
(Accum Units)	156.10	165.10	-1.00	
Managed Income	26.38	27.60†	-0.23	4.09
Midland	58.60	62.00	-0.30	3.25
(Accum Units)	195.80	207.20	-0.90	3.25
Pension Ex	887.80	910.00	-6.10	4.50
Recovery	39.10	41.40	-0.20	2.80
(Accum Units)	64.20	67.90	-0.50	2.80
Second General	66.50	70.30	-0.20	3.59
(Accum Units)	172.70	182.60	-0.50	3.59
Smaller Cos	64.90	68.60†	-0.10	3.25
(Accum Units)	129.30	136.80	-0.20	3.25
Sterling Hi Int	23.76	23.85†	-0.13	8.82
Treasury	25.07	25.11†	+0.01	5.87
Trustee	39.50	41.80	-0.30	4.62
(Accum Units)	159.30	168.50	-1.30	4.62
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	79.11	84.15	+0.60	1.02
Intl Bond	61.06	64.19	+0.25	6.05
Intl Equity Growth	67.54	71.83	+0.25	0.75
N Amer Growth	94.39	100.41	+0.88	1.00
Special Sits Growth	20.37	21.67	-0.07	1.75
UK Growth	352.60	375.10	-2.09	2.93
(Accum Units)	459.90	489.20	-2.69	2.93
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.45	£12.69		3.20
Income #	937.80	952.50†		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.40	139.60	-0.70	4.37
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 01438 747 414				
Growth Units	189.70	202.98	-1.30	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	166.20	175.00	-1.00	6.89
Intl Growth	200.50	213.60	+0.70	0.29
North American	180.60	192.70	+1.40	0.60
Far East	252.80	270.40	-0.10	1.20
UK Smaller Cos	164.60	176.00	-0.30	1.73
European	79.97	84.98	+0.39	0.12
Japanese Growth	45.01	47.95	-0.30	.
High Income	181.30	193.90	-1.00	4.32
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 01244 680 066				
M & S Inv Ptflo	144.70	152.40†	+0.40	2.28
-do- Accum	166.60	175.40†	+0.40	2.28
UK Sel Ptflo	124.60	131.10	+0.38	2.53
-do- Accum	144.80	152.40	+0.38	2.53
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	64.72	68.85	..	3.97
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0131 479 4848				
Intl Income	68.12	72.31	-0.31	4.49
European	78.85	83.70†	+0.15	0.40
Income #	69.63	73.92†	-0.52	6.05
Nth American	61.76	65.56	+0.40	0.57
Far East	155.90	165.50	-2.80	
Japan	51.20	54.35	-0.57	.
Emrging Mkts	89.98	96.24†	+0.39	..
Intl Growth	102.30	108.60	-0.20	0.77
UK Growth	84.80	89.81	-1.56	1.18
UK Smlr Co	44.03	46.74	-0.04	1.91
Asian Opps Fd	35.25	37.70	-0.14	0.36
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 0171 407 5966				
Income	404.01	429.80	+1.70	4.15
Global Inc	67.48	71.70	+0.23	2.89
Brit Leaders	340.25	361.97	+1.95	2.48
Intl Leaders	198.11	210.76	+0.67	0.78
PAM Mg Bal Grth	60.21	62.56	-0.08	0.86
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0171 280 2060				
American	194.40	206.30	.	.
(Accum Units)	207.80	220.50		.
American Opps	88.72	94.63		...
(Accum Units)	89.83	95.82		
British Blue Chip	75.92	80.71	.	2.99
(Accum Units)	93.61	99.50	.	2.99
Cash	100.40	100.40†	.	6.18
(Accum Units)*	137.90	137.90†	...	6.18
Emerging Mkts	96.82	104.10		0.14
(Accum Units)	96.90	104.20		0.14
European Growth	239.60	253.80		0.18
(Accum Units)	258.30	273.70	...	0.18
European Income	80.78	85.33†		3.36
(Accum Units)	108.80	114.90†		3.36
General	479.90	511.30		2.42
(Accum Units)	935.50	996.70		2.42
Global Bond	120.00	126.20		5.46
(Accum Units)	144.60	152.00		5.46
Gold & General	191.60	208.00		0.44
(Accum Units)	198.60	211.40		0.44
Govt Securities	87.86	90.59	.	6.27
(Accum Units)	171.70	176.40	.	6.27
Income	142.60	151.70†		4.57
(Accum Units)	224.90	239.40†		4.57
Inc Portfolio #	92.46	98.23		5.29
(Accum Units) #	93.52	99.35†		5.29
Intl Opps	434.80	463.00	...	0.75
(Accum Units)	580.70	618.40	..	0.35
Japan	165.60	175.50†	.	
(Accum Units)	170.00	180.10†		
New Europe	168.40	179.60†	..	0.78
(Accum Units)	173.80	185.40†		0.78
Pacific	112.30	119.80		0.85
(Accum Units)	120.20	128.20		0.85
Recovery	276.20	294.60		0.88
(Accum Units)	352.50	376.00		0.88
UK Smaller Cos	53.34	56.90		0.91
(Accum Units)	60.30	64.32		0.91
Portfolio	76.46	81.19		2.84
(Accum Units)	89.77	95.32		2.84
Managed Grth	93.98	98.44		1.93
Managed Inc	96.46	102.30	.	4.40
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 01707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Ptnr	111.62	118.74	+0.28	0.91
Portfolio	63.27	67.31	-0.21	0.87
UK Income Inc	72.53	77.16	-0.38	4.86
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	58.28	61.03	+0.36	3.28
(Accum Units)	61.33	64.21	+0.38	3.28
British Tst	82.00	85.86	+0.76	2.17
(Accum Units)	94.27	98.71	+0.88	2.17
Extra High Inc	65.79	68.89†	+0.06	6.61
(Accum Units)	127.30	133.20†	+0.10	6.61

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FT-SE 100 Acc	51.91	54.35†	-3.04	3.25
FT-SE 100 Dist	51.11	53.57†	-3.04	3.25
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.63	34.74	-0.07	7.17
(Accum Units)	152.10	158.33	-0.10	7.17
High Yield	214.50	224.63	+0.50	5.78
(Accum Units)	537.23	562.62	+1.62	5.78
Income	271.70	284.59†	+0.60	2.70
(Accum Units)	599.30	627.60†	+1.40	3.70
Money Market UT	49.29	49.35†	+0.01	5.45
(Accum Units)	77.65	77.66†	+0.01	5.45
Monthly Income	82.40	86.29†	-0.06	6.74
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	97.43	102.70	+0.15	1.59
European Growth	101.90	108.30		0.00
Gilt & Fixed	82.85	87.90	-2.07	6.31
Income	81.31	85.55	+0.12	2.95
Japan Growth	50.46	53.49	-0.33	
Managed	68.25	72.50	+0.53	2.49
Money Market	86.85	92.07	+0.02	4.35
North American	86.32	91.50	0.13	0.49
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	92.54	94.13	+0.15	1.68
European Growth	95.84	101.60		0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.01	85.86		6.27
Income	79.88	84.98	-0.13	3.02
Japan Growth	50.37	53.29	-0.33	
Managed	63.47	67.55	-0.03	2.46
Money Market	80.52	85.13	-0.02	4.32
North American	78.68	83.40	-0.12	0.52
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.52	94.17	+0.16	1.60
European Growth	93.57	99.18	-0.01	
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.29	76.75	-0.01	6.43
Income	78.58	83.91	+0.13	3.05
Japan Growth	51.54	54.64	-0.33	
Managed	66.23	70.46	+0.03	2.48
Money Market	74.82	79.32	-0.01	4.39
North American	87.12	92.35	-0.12	0.45
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.05	12.32		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 0171 826 0826 Enquiries: 0171 825 0123				
American Grwth	339.70	362.80†	-2.40	
European Grth Inc	441.00	472.50†	-2.80	0.29
(Accum Units)	445.80	477.60†	-2.80	0.29
Intl Grth	189.00	201.40	-0.50	
UK Equity Inc	174.80	186.40	-0.70	3.21
UK Ind Trckr Inc	150.40	161.00	-0.90	2.79
(Accum Units)	178.50	191.20	-0.90	2.78
US Eq Ind Idx Inc	198.40	210.30	-1.40	1.53
Japan Tracker	72.45	76.77	-0.51	
Asian Tracker	192.70	206.80	-0.20	0.50
Managed Inc	148.60	159.70†	-0.30	1.47
Deposit Inc	99.54	99.54†	-0.01	5.31
Europa	172.70	182.30	-1.20	0.28
Genesis	149.00	163.10		2.23
High Income	21.36	22.66†		10.30
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	90.44	92.43	-0.16	2.42
Acumen Inc	85.60	87.46	-0.15	2.42
Acumen Reserve	81.41	82.22†	-0.45	8.29
-do- Inc	69.90	70.67†	-0.38	8.29
American Growth	143.80	154.10†	-0.70	
Cash Income	49.56	49.56†		5.69
Equity Income #	90.38	92.51	-0.52	4.65
European	89.21	90.73	-0.42	0.14
Smaller Cos	74.42	77.65	-0.23	1.01
Olympiad	61.59	62.92†	-0.07	0.55
Global Bond	42.27	42.74†	-0.13	7.16
UK Growth	89.09	90.52	-0.43	1.77
Pacific Growth	98.67	102.53	-0.16	
Japan Growth	89.20	92.27	-2.42	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Avon Equity	116.59	124.03†	-0.25	2.90
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 0161 237 5322				
UK Growth	69.95	74.41	-0.97	2.25
UK Income	103.45	110.05	-0.15	4.01
Higher Income	202.46	216.45†	+3.09	4.98
Smaller Cos	75.26	80.37		2.20
International	93.20	99.15	-0.40	1.79
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS 0171 623 4200				
American Dist	100.15	107.11	+0.41	0.12
European Dist	108.60	116.49	-1.10	0.02
Far East Dist	167.70	173.40†	-0.90	
Global Care Dist	65.94	70.52†	-0.21	1.17
Oseas Dist	970.20	£10.37	-1.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	£12.59	£13.46	-1.70	0.08
UK Dist	328.30	351.10	+0.30	2.33
(Accum Units)	643.70	688.50	+0.50	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	72.56	77.60†	-0.06	4.82
Wrlde Dist	100.58	107.57	-0.04	0.05
Wrlde Inc Dist	67.54	72.24	+0.13	2.62
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 01277 690 390 Admin Enq: 01277 690 393				
Europe Inc	62.72	66.20	+0.31	0.48
Fund of Funds Inc	55.57	58.65†	+0.05	0.89
North America Inc	49.65	52.40	+0.52	0.50
UK Equity Grth Inc	56.00	59.10	+0.14	2.12
(Accum Units)	58.13	61.35	+0.16	2.12
UK General Inc	55.01	58.06	+0.08	2.58
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.38	47.78†	-0.17	7.35
UK Income Inc	54.59	57.61†	+0.13	3.12
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone: 0500 33 00 00				
Income	219.45	233.47†		3.51
Global	307.64	327.28		0.13
General	175.50	186.71†		1.83
Bond	112.66	119.79		6.34
Growth	118.49	126.06		2.43
Intrepid	106.27	112.79		1.80
Bridge Fund	80.21	85.34		2.23
Distributor	88.20	93.84		3.19
Formerly Capital House				
American Grwth Tst	35.44	37.80	+0.31	...
Cash Income	50.53	50.53		5.50
European Grth	38.65	41.18	+0.23	0.16
Income & Grwth Inc	25.96	27.76		4.51
Intl Grwth	28.07	30.02	+0.11	0.54
Japan Grwth	24.98	26.71	-0.11	
Managed Tst Inc	45.71	48.88	-0.12	2.56
Oriental Opps Inc	130.90	140.00	-1.60	
Property Shares	32.64	34.90	-0.04	0.89
Smaller Cos	28.71	30.70	-0.04	1.79
UK Growth Tst	24.84	26.56	+0.11	3.00
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.66	74.50	+0.23	1.70
Cap Hse UK Inc	64.65	69.14	+0.29	2.89
Exempt (£)	29.84	30.70		1.76
Foundation	88.30	94.43		3.44
German	50.91	54.19	+0.50	..
High Income	70.92	75.85	+0.17	6.45
Mngd Ptflo Inc	101.70	108.70	.	1.07
Mngd Ptflo Acc	194.40	207.90		1.87
Monthly Income	75.80	81.06	+0.45	4.44
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 01603 682 234				
Master Trust	117.42	123.59	-0.09	2.02
UK Equity	131.85	138.79	+0.01	3.15
UK Equity Income	125.29	131.88	-0.21	3.43
UK Smaller Cos	110.37	116.18†	-0.17	1.89
UK Equity Growth	123.55	130.05	+0.08	2.32
UK Index Trckg	134.18	141.24	-0.94	3.64
Intl Index Trckg	139.63	146.98	+0.32	1.16
International	224.02	235.81	+0.72	0.37
European	191.04	201.09†	+1.14	0.19
Pan European	126.75	133.42	+0.56	1.35
Nth American	169.21	178.12	+0.86	0.21
N Amer Smlr Cos	182.68	192.29†	+1.78	.
Japanese	89.49	94.20	-0.63	.
Pacific	216.83	228.24	-0.24	0.13
South East Asian	239.98	252.61	+0.57	0.38
Intl Bond	127.63	134.56†	+0.86	4.80
Gilt & Convertible	100.36	105.64†	+0.45	6.73
Property	82.14	86.46	-0.01	5.38
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD 01256 768 888				
European Inc	254.50	273.00	+1.40	.
(Accum Units)	269.30	288.80	+1.40	.
Japan Inc	105.30	112.40	-0.60	..
Nth American Inc	106.00	113.80	+1.00	0.01
Worldwide Inc	152.40	163.80	+0.10	0.44
Hong Kong Inc	123.20	132.40	-0.70	1.78
Swiss Equities Inc	66.16	70.73	+0.64	...
Wrlde Bond Inc	59.82	63.31	-0.05	5.44
Emrgng Asia Inc	204.70	222.30	-0.50	0.28
(Accum Units)	206.40	223.20	-0.40	0.28
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.09	50.09†	+0.01	5.69
Thailand Inc	162.60	175.00	+1.30	1.31
Gold Trust Inc	66.69	72.26	-0.41	0.11
New Zealand Inc	84.08	90.60	+0.46	1.72
Inr Mngd PEP Inc	60.92	65.47	+0.92	1.22
Latin Am Emp Inc	58.28	63.01†	-0.77	0.43
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	56.38	60.50	+0.02	2.57
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	74.18	79.34	-0.01	..
Global Portfolio	66.40	71.02	+0.12	
Global Opps	64.80	69.30	-0.15	..
Marsh Global Grth	60.97	64.66	-0.44	..
AAM Global Equity	52.12	55.24	+0.08	..
CAM Brit Grth Inc	85.78	92.10	-0.06	
Temple Equity Inc	41.70	45.50†	-0.19	3.45
Henley Growth	70.57	74.80	-0.09	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	83.30	89.09	-0.05	0.81
IPS Portfolio Inc	79.25	84.76†	+0.13	...
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	46.58	48.29	+0.15	...
Premier Perfms Inc	65.13	69.66†	-0.15	1.42
Roxburgh Strat Gth	68.97	73.76	-0.18	..
Tech Analysis	94.21	99.86	-0.34	..
Rosebery Growth	48.12	50.30	+0.49	0.05
International Strat	74.26	79.44	-0.22	0.70
UFC Ind-Acl Grth	51.73	56.00	-0.11	.
Cowendale Topout	47.69	51.03	-0.08	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lowes Intl Growth	44.41	46.75	+0.05	0.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 828 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	229.70	244.30	-1.30	2.75
(Accum Units)	484.90	515.80	-2.70	2.75
Growth	149.30	157.10	-0.70	2.80
Income	228.60	243.10	-0.90	3.88
Intl Equity	240.90	258.20	+0.30	1.18
(Accum Units)	266.20	283.20	-0.30	1.18
UK Income	62.75	66.75†	-0.32	3.49
UK Intl 25	76.16	81.02	-0.26	2.39
New Europe	77.28	82.21	+0.44	0.59
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	562.12	601.20	+0.95	0.18
(Accum Units)	562.70	601.80	+0.95	0.18
Income	336.64	360.05	-0.23	3.42
Wrlde Recovery	356.28	381.05	+0.09	0.07
Amer Growth Inc	214.82	229.76†	+1.30	0.01
(Accum Units)	214.82	229.76	+1.30	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	229.89	245.88	-0.12	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	259.30	277.33	-0.83	0.25
(Accum Units)	259.30	277.33	-0.83	0.25
Euro Grth Inc	139.40	149.10	+1.27	0.73
(Accum Units)	139.76	149.48	+1.27	0.73
UK Growth Inc	86.32	92.33	-0.05	2.86
(Accum Units)	88.43	94.58	-0.05	2.86
High Income	91.09	97.43†	-0.08	4.22
Jap Grth Inc	209.65	223.42	-2.49	0.01
(Accum Units)	209.65	223.42	-2.49	0.01
PEP Growth	112.80	120.65	+0.13	0.67
Asian Sir Mkts Inc	116.96	125.10†	+0.03	0.01
(Accum Units)	116.96	125.10	+0.03	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	126.03	134.80	+0.58	0.01
(Accum Units)	126.03	134.80	+0.58	0.01
Global Bond	53.83	56.73	+0.14	5.93
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.62	83.02	+0.02	1.54
(Accum Units)	80.64	86.25	+0.03	1.54
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0191 201 3927				
American	96.54	102.70	-0.05	
European	69.40	73.83	-0.15	
Global	59.82	63.64	-0.12	.
Pacific	55.97	59.54	-0.09	.
UK Inc & Grth	62.12	66.09	-0.16	1.92
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0116 2556 540				
BNI Director Dlp	86.69	92.32	.	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 430				
Fund of Funds	151.95	159.95†	-0.23	0.11
Emerg Mkts	45.18	47.56		
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01444 456 721				
Monthly Income	57.71	61.17	+0.07	2.69
Growth Income	60.88	64.53	-0.03	2.35
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	124.62	132.56†	+0.45	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	89.48	95.28†	+1.04	3.59
Conv & Gilt	111.40	118.59	-0.50	6.19

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Income	72.26	76.87	+0.54	3.50
Extra Income	143.80	152.70	0.50	5.89
(Accum Units)	173.50	184.60	-0.50	5.23
Far East	368.80	392.30	-3.00	0.08
(Accum Units)	375.70	399.70	-3.10	0.08
Global Income	24.48	26.08†	+0.21	4.57
High Income	107.80	114.70	-1.60	3.67
(Accum Units)	132.80	138.10	-1.90	3.67
International	192.30	204.50	-0.10	0.58
(Accum Units)	198.10	210.80	-0.10	0.58
Pref & Fxd Int	42.91	45.65†	-0.10	7.53
Recovery	68.99	73.39	-0.27	2.85
Special Sits	101.00	107.50	-0.40	1.14
(Accum Units)	109.40	116.30	-0.50	1.14
Technology	379.46	403.60	+1.50	.
UK Blue Chip	65.70	69.89	-0.31	2.66
(Accum Units)	72.97	77.62	-0.35	2.66
For Providence Capitol see Old Mutual				
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0171 568 3663				
Equity Gth	167.10	177.80	-0.60	1.87
European Gth	96.86	102.70	-0.30	0.28
Income & Gth #	128.00	136.20	-0.70	3.76
Japan Gth	112.60	120.60	-0.30	
Nth Amer Gth	119.70	126.80	+1.60	0.17
Overseas Gth	87.21	92.72	-0.68	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	35.35	36.67	+0.06	1.60
Cash Hldrs Inc	100.87	101.37†	+0.01	5.39
Cash Hldrs Acc	111.40	111.95†	-0.01	5.39
Dist Tst Inc	93.38	96.76†	-0.19	6.19
Dist Trust Acc	96.57	100.07†	-0.19	6.19
Capital Growth	85.49	90.94†	-0.12	1.35
Equity Inc	78.00	82.97†	+0.16	3.81
Equity	700.22	745.44	-0.61	2.40
European	208.99	216.56	-0.39	1.10
High Income	85.05	92.25	-0.33	4.95
Intl Grth	176.07	187.30†	-1.25	0.96
Intl Sm Co	74.34	79.06	-0.29	0.48
Japanese	205.06	212.49	-1.08	
Nth Amer	166.30	172.33	-1.74	1.78
Pacific Mkts	96.94	100.45†	-0.02	0.37
Premier Inc	46.00	47.83†	-0.21	4.98
Sm Cos	83.14	88.44	-0.04	1.55
Spec Sits	104.05	110.70†	-0.40	2.21
UK Growth	116.00	123.40†	+0.14	2.35
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD 01892 510 033				
British Life	286.60	304.00	-0.10	3.30
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 0191 285 2555				
Managed	91.51	97.00†		2.30
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 0171 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	516.17	549.29	-4.85	0.33
FA America (Acc)	603.45	642.29	-5.67	0.33
FA UK Equity Inc	149.58	159.48	-1.37	3.63
FA Japan	240.57	255.80	-1.73	
FA Mator UK Cos	90.53	96.56	-0.59	2.37
FA Smlr UK Cos	279.03	304.37	-0.05	1.35
FA European	307.66	326.24	+1.07	0.52
FA Amer Smlr Cos	43.96	47.13	-0.40	
FA Asia	45.96	49.37	-0.10	
FA Jap Smllr Cos	45.00	48.19	-0.31	
RAM Pensions Person				
UK Major Cos	92.09	96.93	-0.59	
UK Smlr Cos	80.46	84.63	+0.01	
UK Income	92.71	95.48	-0.75	
America	103.71	109.16	-0.96	
Japanese	52.89	55.66	-0.38	
European	98.57	103.75	+0.34	
Gilt	85.25	89.73	-0.38	
Deposit	83.45	87.84	+0.01	
Managed	94.10	99.04	-0.52	
RAM FS/VC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	89.67	94.38	-0.59	
UK Smaller Cos	78.60	82.73	-0.01	
UK Income	89.50	93.15	-0.75	
America	100.95	106.25	+0.93	
Japanese	51.47	54.17	-0.37	
European	96.04	101.09	+0.33	..
Gilt	84.37	88.81	-0.35	
Deposit	79.50	83.68		
Managed	88.18	92.81	-0.56	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Pshes: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	79.09	84.44	+0.72	0.22
Pacific Basin	73.07	78.73	-0.33	.
High Inc Dist	128.70	137.60	-0.50	5.16
Ryl Life Inc Chry	57.34	60.96		
Ryl Life Intl Grth	64.46	68.82	+0.06	0.029
Ryl Life Intl Spec	61.31	65.21	-0.07	.
UK Emerging Cos	119.90	129.80	-0.10	1.19
UK Index Trckg	155.70	165.90	+2.60	3.43
European	126.30	135.30	+0.50	0.26
Managed	148.90	151.40†	-0.20	0.78
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01206 764 400				
American Growth	143.40	151.60†	..	0.52
European Growth	108.40	114.60†		0.96
Far East Growth	125.70	133.80†		0.49
Japan Growth	128.30	138.30		
Special Sits	183.10	194.70		1.63
UK Growth	72.74	77.38	..	2.63
Triton General	228.20	242.80	..	0.80
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	155.00	164.00	-0.30	0.59
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	332.85	352.20	-0.40	0.59
(Accum Units)	517.40	547.50	-0.60	0.59
Growth Inc	129.50	137.00	-0.10	0.58
(Accum Units)	131.90	139.60	-0.10	0.58
International Inc	333.00	352.40	+0.10	0.46
(Accum Units)	458.70	483.30	+0.10	0.46
Nth Am & Intl Inc	314.20	332.50	+1.70	1.15
UK Gen Prog Inc	215.50	228.00	-0.60	1.29
UK High Inc Inc	126.20	133.50	+0.30	3.85
SANNIA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 0171 330 0572				
American Grth	62.04	66.00	+0.15	..
Amer Smllr Cos	73.98	78.70	+0.05	..
Asian Grth	107.28	114.12	-0.44	0.75
European Grth	66.80	71.06	+0.52	1.00
Global Bd	58.91	62.46	+0.14	5.00
Global Eq	58.46	62.19	+0.10	0.50
Japan Eq	49.13	52.26	-0.36	
Japan Sm Cos	56.90	60.53	-0.36	
UK Gen	51.12	54.38	+0.10	2.80
UK Grth	57.46	61.12	+0.20	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 01708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Grth #	67.85	72.18	+0.47	4.15
Amer Smlr Cos	109.60	116.00†	+1.0	
Asian Smaller Cos	41.93	44.61	+0.14	..
Capital Portfolio	122.30	130.10	-1.0	1.98
Cash	126.10	126.10		5.69
China Dragon	53.98	57.44	-1.04	0.85
Commodity	118.00	125.50	+0.50	0.40
Eastern Discovery	92.94	98.87	-0.01	..
Emerging Mkts	36.67	39.01	+0.03	0.48
Energy Inds	116.70	124.10†	+0.20	0.79
European Grth	184.30	198.10	+0.60	..
Euro Inc & Grth #	76.15	81.01†	+0.23	1.22
Euro Smlr Cos	52.61	55.97	+0.95	..
Extra Income #	48.71	51.32†	-0.34	6.16
Financial Secs	194.20	206.60	-0.80	1.89
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.60	50.24	-0.31	9.02
Gold & Exploration	70.97	75.50†	-1.27	..
High Return #	215.70	229.50†	-1.30	4.43
High Yield #	219.00	233.00	-1.0	4.02
Income #	113.20	120.40†	-0.70	4.66
Intl Bond	161.10	170.20	+0.40	5.76
ITU	196.20	208.70	-0.90	1.62
Japan Growth	165.80	176.40	-0.30	..
Japan Smaller	167.30	178.00	-1.10	..
Korea	63.20	67.23	+0.02	..
Masterfund	52.67	56.03	-0.13	1.29
Scotbits	292.00	310.60†	-0.10	1.46
Scotshares #	277.40	295.10	-1.70	2.53
Scotyields #	230.40	245.10	-1.50	3.85
Select Intl	134.60	143.20	+0.30	0.36
Smaller Cos Inc #	232.80	247.40	-0.70	3.88
SE Asia	51.87	55.18		
Special Situation	119.80	127.40	-0.70	1.02
UK Equity #	232.30	247.10†	-1.50	3.03
UK Growth	61.73	65.67	-0.43	1.52
UK & O'seas	156.80	166.80	-0.80	1.29
UK Smlr Cos Grth	44.13	46.95†	-0.05	0.86
US Growth	147.10	156.50	+1.30	0.45
Univ Growth	134.40	143.00	+0.20	0.73
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	250.18	266.84	+1.37	0.97
(Accum Units)	273.26	290.59	+1.50	0.97
European Grth	73.71	78.23	+0.78	0.83
Euro Smlr Cos	76.80	81.85	+0.61	0.30
Far Eastern Gth	90.57	96.60†	-0.38	.
(Accum Units)	92.20	98.35	-0.39	.
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.79	52.50	-0.01	7.28
Global Bond #	48.55	50.17†	+0.36	6.96
(Accum Units) #	53.34	55.13	+0.39	6.96
Global Emer Mkts	50.11	53.45	+0.12	.
(Accum Units)	50.11	53.45	+0.12	
Income	338.36	360.91	-0.34	4.17
(Accum Units)	£10.54	£11.24	-1.05	4.17
Japan Smlr Cos	454.55	484.85†	-2.60	
(Accum Units)	455.46	485.82	-2.61	
Japan Enterprise	63.15	67.36	-0.69	.
Pacific Grwth	123.78	132.03†	-0.30	...
(Accum Units)	127.78	136.29	+0.02	
Portfolio	76.87	81.99†	+0.07	2.04
(Accum Units)	83.50	89.07	+0.09	2.04
Seoul	46.86	50.46	-0.13	.
(Accum Units)	46.86	50.46	-0.13	
Smaller Cos	202.75	216.26	-0.06	1.42
Tokyo	114.86	122.51	-1.38	.
(Accum Units)	116.02	123.75	-1.40	.
UK Enterprise	239.62	255.59†	-0.03	2.13
(Accum Units)	287.45	306.62	-0.03	2.13
UK Equity	228.93	244.19†	-0.34	2.86
(Accum Units)	444.85	474.50	-0.66	2.86
US Smllr Cos	160.16	170.83	+1.11	.
(Accum Units)	46.50	49.44	+0.21	0.64
Institutional Funds				
European	233.40	242.37†	+1.37	1.15
(Accum Units)	259.36	269.32	+1.52	1.15
Euro Smlr Cos	28.33	29.51	+0.11	1.47
(Accum Units)	30.06	31.30	+0.11	1.47
Global Equity Inc	74.92	78.04	+0.04	0.93
Japan Smlr Cos	36.53	38.05†	-0.19	.
(Accum Units)	36.82	38.34	-0.20	..
Mngd Balanced	180.50	188.02	-0.04	2.74
(Accum Units)	203.64	212.12	-0.04	2.74
Overseas Equity	181.58	189.14†	-0.33	1.21
(Accum Units)	188.01	195.84	+0.34	1.21
Oseas Smlr Cos	121.46	126.52	+0.29	0.72
(Accum Units)	126.68	131.94	+0.30	0.72
Pacific	233.19	242.90	-0.54	1.18
(Accum Units)	254.46	265.05	-0.60	1.18
Recovery	£17.28	£18.00†	-4.88	3.04
(Accum Units)	£18.27	£19.03	-5.13	3.04
UK Index	147.60	153.75	-0.77	3.48
(Accum Units)	180.07	187.56	-0.94	3.48
UK Small Cos	108.24	112.74	-0.04	2.82
(Accum Units)	114.71	119.48	-0.04	2.82
US Smlr Cos	45.69	47.59	+0.20	0.64
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.15	51.28	-0.33	3.72
Equity Trust	58.50	62.30	-0.49	3.19
Equity Strategy	68.03	72.45	-0.43	1.30
European Opps	85.00	90.52	-0.28	0.82
UK Smaller Cos	59.71	63.59	-0.15	1.35
Maximum Inc	97.94	100.47	+0.01	6.71
Japanese	72.56	77.28	-0.71	.
Asia Pacific	113.77	121.16	-0.42	1.26
American	98.82	105.24	+0.62	0.72
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.94	30.94	+0.01	5.333
UK General Inc	49.41	52.70	-0.32	2.84
(Accum Units)	63.45	67.68	-0.42	2.84
Intl Income	256.40	272.60†	-0.70	1.01
(Accum Units)	440.20	468.00†	-1.20	1.01
European	77.92	82.49	+0.30	1.47
Japan	65.25	69.13	-0.48	0.06
American	66.05	69.82†	+0.45	1.92
Far East	81.48	86.91	+0.02	0.76
Ethical Inc	28.31	30.28†	-0.09	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	31.94	34.15†	-0.15	2.96
High Inc Inc	34.34	36.63	-0.22	3.44

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
UK Global Inc	38.02	40.48†	-0.04	1.57
Wrlde Tech	67.37	71.78†	-0.20	1.25
Europe 2000 Tst	51.60	54.87	-0.06	1.51
Technology	105.30	112.13†		1.51
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	367.90	393.10	+0.60	2.96
American	355.90	371.70	+1.50	0.53
Pacific	362.00	387.20	-1.70	0.73
European	538.80	578.30	+2.70	1.26
Worldwide	84.78	90.67	+0.41	0.80
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	257.70	274.20	+0.20	2.03
(Accum Units)	325.30	345.10†	+0.20	2.09
UK Sm Co Eq Inc	187.20	199.20†	-0.50	2.37
(Accum Units)	224.40	238.80†	-0.50	2.37
Select Oppnty Inc	63.27	67.67	-0.05	1.97
Income Plus Inc	68.44	72.81	-0.02	4.26
European Inc	338.60	363.50	+2.60	0.48
(Accum Units)	382.80	407.30	+2.60	0.48
Far Eastern Inc	165.20	175.80	.	0.73
(Accum Units)	188.00	200.10		0.73
Japanese Inc	58.01	61.72	-0.40	
Nth American Inc	238.80	255.70	+2.80	0.59
(Accum Units)	263.80	286.70†	+0.50	0.62
Intl Growth Inc	193.30	205.70†		0.62
Wrlde Venture Inc	76.30	81.19	+0.47	0.76
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 0131 668 3734				
Equity Inc	347.90	371.10	-2.20	2.86
(Accum Units)	510.30	544.20	-3.20	2.86
UK High Inc	175.40	187.10	-1.30	3.63
(Accum Units)	253.30	270.10	-1.90	3.63
European Inc	355.40	379.00	-1.20	0.28
Nth Amer Inc	217.50	231.90	-0.10	
Global Inc	195.20	208.10	-0.60	0.25
UK Spec Sts Inc	92.37	98.46	-0.43	3.19
South East Asia	213.10	227.30	-1.50	0.90
Cash Trust Inc	100.90	100.90		5.70
UK Smllr Cos Inc	95.67	102.02	-0.20	2.12
(Accum Units)	97.84	104.33	-0.10	2.12
Intl Bond Inc	89.33	93.78		6.18
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	140.70	147.80†	-9.70	4.51
SHARP (ALBERT E) Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	123.60	130.10†	-0.70	0.58
Nth American	103.90	109.40†	-0.60	0.09
Intl Bond & Curr	119.70	126.00	-0.19	4.92
Pooled Pension (£)	176.20	189.50		2.0
Smaller Cos	70.35	74.76	-0.16	1.43
UK General	123.09	129.53	-0.80	2.12
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 0171 626 6226				
Amer Cos Fund†	101.70		+0.50	
Aces†	71.17		-1.43	
European†	120.83		+0.60	
Global Bonds†	93.44		-0.13	7.70
Sciences†	66.54		-1.45	
UK Growth†	98.71		+0.50	2.78
Tax Free	98.56		-0.26	
Gr Emerg Leaders	96.84		-0.27	1.46
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 0171 637 5377				
American	192.70	[illegible]	-0.70	
Canadian	82.47	88.19	-1.12	1.13
Capital	117.36	125.50†	-0.70	1.45
Cash	101.55	101.55	+0.04	6.03
European	131.10	138.70		0.72
Far Eastern	147.10	155.70	+0.10	
Growth	127.90	135.10†	-1.09	1.02
Income	123.70	130.90	-0.70	3.95
Magnum	126.10	134.50	-0.90	1.45
Smith Secs	359.00	379.90	-1.40	0.95
Thoroughbred	146.40	156.60†	-1.00	1.31
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 01202 298 422				
Cash	52.11	50.61		5.59
Charity Primace	53.15	56.69†	-0.15	8.10
Ethical	53.28	56.68	+0.09	3.00
European Growth	73.59	77.43	-0.57	2.80
Income	52.62	56.12	+0.15	5.90
Intl Growth	96.66	103.10	+0.40	3.00
Managed	80.46	85.62	+0.20	3.80
UK Growth	59.10	63.04†	+0.01	3.50
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	36.91	39.02†	-0.20	1.79
Global Advtg Acc	39.47	41.84	-0.20	1.79
Income Advtg Inc	30.59	32.43	-0.20	4.06
Income Advtg Acc	33.58	35.68	-0.20	4.06
UK Equity Gth Acc	62.60	66.26	-0.10	1.38
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	48.85	51.91	-0.30	1.64
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	34.98	37.16	-0.30	4.01
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	43.34	46.05	-0.39	4.01
UK Equity Gen Acc	59.83	63.68	-0.50	2.30
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.33	47.11	-0.30	2.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.78	31.50	-0.30	8.23
Oseas Eq Gen Acc	301.90	327.60	+0.30	1.80
Nth American Inc	44.32	47.10		0.86
Far East Acc	64.82	68.88		0.21
European Acc	51.65	54.88	-0.20	0.79
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 0171 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	3.634	3.859	..	0.58
US Eqts (US$)	2.403	2.551	..	0.78
Far East Eqts (yen)	228.40	242.60		...
Japan Eqtes (yen)	214.90	228.30		
FT Europe	123.00	130.60	...	1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.835	1.937		0.95
FT Japan (yen)	212.10	225.30		
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.292	2.435		1.05
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0131 226 3271				
American	372.60	396.50	+2.00	..
British #	966.20	£10.22	+0.50	4.22
Emrging Mkts	137.10	146.00	-0.30	..
European	515.50	551.30	+4.00	0.63
Japan	139.30	148.00	-0.60	..
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(Accum Units)	382.70	408.70	+0.30	0.74
Inv Trust Acc	245.30	260.00		0.92
Mngd Equity	165.40	175.00		1.45
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North America	123.00	131.60†	+1.20	1.17
Far East	136.70	146.20†	-0.60	0.19
Wrlde Bond	55.87	59.31	+0.23	5.11
European	102.80	109.90	+0.80	..
Equity Income	86.55	92.57	+0.23	4.23
Portfolio	82.68	88.43	+0.20	1.29
UK Leading Cos	58.11	61.98	-0.05	3.04
Broker Trusts				
Intel Equity	63.56	67.98	-0.11	...
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Managed Growth	33.63	35.97	+0.29	0.81
Managed Assets	121.92	130.40†	-0.58	2.71
UK Income	39.13	41.86	-0.27	3.38
UK Growth	37.56	40.17	-0.23	2.53
Worldwide Growth	33.96	36.33	-0.01	0.77
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 0171 606 4044 Dlg: 0171 606 6010				
Discretionary	48.69	49.67	-0.10	
Cap Protector Inc	41.12	43.96	+0.37	2.67
UK Income Inc	48.93	52.33†		3.17
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.18	34.42†	+0.20	3.66
Mngd High Yld Inc	78.89	82.24	+0.27	4.21
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.06	77.07	+0.12	3.36
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(Accum Units)	111.14	117.61	-0.14	2.17
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(Accum Units)	108.96	115.31†	+0.92	0.68
Extra Income	187.16	198.05	+0.26	4.38
(Accum Units)	317.59	336.07	+0.45	4.38
Smaller Cos	67.51	71.44	-0.05	1.67
(Accum Units)	75.72	80.13	-0.06	1.67
General	268.70	284.34†	+0.45	2.49
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Environmental Inv	60.38	63.90†	+0.19	1.87
Selector	59.68	63.16	+0.07	2.29
(Accum Units)	67.32	71.24	+0.08	2.29
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(Accum Units)	79.18	83.79†	+0.09	4.77
Intl Income	57.09	60.41	+0.11	5.05
(Accum Units)	70.19	74.27	+0.14	5.05
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Nth Amer Grth	227.79	240.63†	-0.84	0.70
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UK Growth	486.77	520.60†	-2.20	2.30
UK High Yield	99.68	105.96†	-0.18	3.89
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UK Equity Growth	84.40	89.79	-0.16	2.53
European	68.86	73.28	+0.47	1.81
Nth American	68.28	72.84	+0.83	1.21
Far Eastern	67.49	71.80	-0.37	0.81
Money	87.19	87.19†	+0.01	4.27
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Index Linked Gilt	64.50	68.62	-0.65	1.36
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Australasian Gold	24.74	26.31	-0.67	.
Pacific Basin	42.32	45.02	+0.26	.
Global Bond (US$)	9.84	9.87	-0.00	.
Penny Share	32.63	34.71	-0.17	.
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 0171 600 0482				
Challenger	92.62	94.76	-0.62	..
Short Dtd Gilt	110.10	111.60	-0.40	.
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	48.74	50.72	-0.27	7.75
Gilt Growth	68.57	71.37	-0.58	.
City Reserve	52.07	52.07†	..	5.62
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	47.76	50.41	...	1.27
UK Standard	78.03	80.87	...	2.60

Source: Fintel

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; .. No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital; @ Exit Charge

Manufacturers given help to make investment decisions

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

THE Government, industry and the banks will today launch a joint initiative aimed at improving manufacturing companies' ability to raise finance for investment.

The move is a unique joint effort by all the investment parties, stemming from the Government's White Paper on competitiveness launched by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Ministers, industry leaders and bankers — including Eddie George, Bank of England Governor — today launch a guide primarily for small manufacturing companies, with a turnover of between £1 million and £10 million, and designed to bridge what ministers call the "understanding gap" between these firms and potential investors.

The guide, drawn up by a working group including Treasury and Department of Trade and Industry officials, together with the CBI, EEF engineering employers and the MTTA machine tool trade body, plus bankers and financiers, is aimed at helping industry to make sound investment decisions, select the most appropriate financial package and prepare fund applications which maximise chances of success.

Tim Eggar, Industry Minister, will disclose today that up to two thirds of manufacturers' proposals put to banks, and finance and leasing firms, are rejected as of too poor a quality to allow for evaluation.

Urging industry to adopt new practices, he will say: "The message from lenders is clear: if they can see that a business is sound, able to evaluate investment opportunities and will be improved by the proposed investment then they will lend."

Mr George welcomes the DTI's "Money and Machines" initiative: "I hope it will contribute to a better understanding between those who supply finance and those who use it to improve the productive capacity of our economy."

Stuart White, chairman of the British Bankers' Association small firms sub-committee, says: "The process of evaluating capital investment will not only help companies to check that the investment proposal has been properly prepared, but will also provide a good basis for persuading financiers to provide the correct level of support."

John Parsons, chairman of the CBI's smaller firms council, says: "Access to finance is a key issue for many growth-oriented manufacturing small and medium-sized enterprises. However, lack of experience in planning capital finance and preparing financial applications can seriously reduce success rates."

The working group behind today's report has been careful not to make it an attack on banks or small businesses. It rejects the charge that the guide is aimed only at the investment margin, but accepts the importance of a stable macroeconomic environment and low inflation and interest rates.

Courtaulds sells fabric business

Courtaulds, the chemicals group, is selling its performance fabrics business in Lancashire in two deals.

The Tygaflor business, which supplies high-performance fabrics coated with non-stick polymers, is to be sold to Chemfab Corporation, of the US, for £9.7 million. Fothergill Engineered Fabrics, which specialises in technical textiles for thermal protection, is being sold to private investors for an undisclosed sum thought to be less than Tygaflor's price.

Courtaulds said that the two businesses, with combined turnover of £16 million in the year to March 31, were peripheral to its main fibre operations.

Unit diversifies

Unit Group, the maker of industrial pallets, is diversifying into property. It is to buy a portfolio of properties in the South-East for £6.25 million and to acquire Simberg, which owns shops in Glasgow, Dundee and Elgin. Unit is paying £500,000 for Simberg and repaying debt of £600,000. It is raising £1.19 million via a two-for-seven rights issue at 39p, and seeks to join the main stock market from the Unlisted Securities Market.

St Modwen up

St Modwen Properties, the property investment and development company, is lifting its total dividend to 1.6p, from 1p, with a 1.1p final, after pre-tax profits rose to £13.2 million, from £3.5 million, in the year to November 30. Profits included a £3.8 million surplus from selling the Octagon shopping centre, Burton upon Trent. Earnings per share rose to 9.2p (2.2p), and net assets to 49p (39p).

Howard ahead

Howard Holdings, the property developer and plant hire company, lifted taxable profits to £104,213 from £37,370 in its half year to October 31, in spite of turnover slipping to £2.7 million (£3 million). There is again no interim dividend. Earnings per share rose to 0.4p (0.14p).

Sage to grow

Sage Group, the computer software company, expects to create 200 jobs in a £4 million investment plan, expanding its offices in Newcastle upon Tyne for its staff.

Expansion for British Steel with £93m buy

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH STEEL is extending its expansion into the higher-value end of steel production by buying out its partner in UES Holdings, Britain's leading specialist steelmaker.

For £93 million in cash, Britain's dominant steelmaker will acquire the 36.1 per cent share in the engineering steels manufacturer held by GKN, the industrial conglomerate.

The long-awaited move caps six months of rapid-fire investment announcements as British Steel positions itself to exploit an accelerating global recovery in steel demand and prices. It brings to £411 million the amount of cash it has committed to expansion since last September.

UES was established in 1986 during the final phase of the government-sponsored Phoenix programme to rationalise Britain's steel industry. It brought together the special steels business of the state-owned British Steel with the steel alloys and forgings business of GKN, which was formerly an independent steelmaker.

Caught by recession, it underwent severe rationalisation. After three years of losses, the second half of last year brought a rapid profit recovery. During the year to December 31 1994, UES achieved pre-tax profits of £18.2 million on sales of £658 million, of which £272 million was exported. A second half profit of £20.5 million compared with a modest first half loss.

UES has net cash balances of £28 million and net assets of £425 million. GKN will be obliged to make a net exceptional charge in its 1994 accounts of £20.5 million to reflect a £59.6 million loss on the sale of its £153 million investment in UES.

With 6,500 employees spread across a dozen sites, UES is a substantial business. It produces about 1.25 million tonnes of steel a year. Added to almost 13 million tonnes last year produced by British Steel by the basic oxygen process, that will take British Steel's share of the total United Kingdom steel production from about 75 per cent to some 83 per cent.

The UES steel division has big steel making plants at Totherham and Stocksbridge in Yorkshire, and re-rolling operations at Thrybergh, Yorkshire; Cable Street, Wolverhampton and Tinsley Park, Sheffield.

The forgings division supplies components, mainly to the automotive industry, from Bromsgrove, Kidderminster, Lincoln and Ayr. Products include automotive crankshafts and aerospace forgings.

The Bright Bar division manufactures and distributes from Roundwood, Sheffield, Wednesbury and Tipton. All the existing operations are expected to continue.

In spite of British Steel's domination of UK production, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission is expected to conclude that it will face adequate competition from other European producers. **Tempus, page 28**



Tim Dunningham, managing director, left, and Walter Goldsmith took the wraps off a 65 per cent profit rise and a bigger dividend

Business is blooming at Flying Flowers

BUSINESS is blooming at Flying Flowers, the direct mail florist based in Jersey, which yesterday unveiled a 65 per cent rise in profits (Susan Gilchrist writes). The company, which specialises in carnations rather than red roses, again chose Saint Valentine's Day to announce full-year results.

Pre-tax profits jumped to £1.8 million (£1.1 million) in the year to December 30, boosted by the acquisition of DPA Direct last March. Walter Goldsmith, chairman, said disappointing sales from Mother's Day had been offset by a buoyant Christmas. The final dividend is lifted to 2.0p (1.35p) making a total payout of 2.95p (1.35p)

Kvaerner dividend lifted but profits fall

By Colin Narbrough

KVAERNER, the London-listed Norwegian group that is Britain's largest commercial shipbuilder, had its 1994 profits depressed by big losses on an offshore project, but expects a strong profit rebound this year.

Although the pre-tax profit last year dropped to £117 million from almost £127 million, the board has proposed that the dividend be raised by 5p to 58p per share. Erik Tönseth, the group president, said yesterday that the "considerably improved result" expected this year would come as no surprise.

Apart from a £47.6 million loss at its oil and gas division, caused by a £96 million loss on a pioneering project in Norway's Troll oilfield, Kvaerner, owner of the Govan shipyard on the Clyde, reported higher profits in shipbuilding, its most profitable division, as well as pulping, mechanical engineering and shipping.

Shipbuilding, which encompasses yards in Europe and the Far East, lifted profits to £114 million from £97 million in 1993. Govan is back in the black, but Kvaerner remains concerned about the relatively low productivity at the yard. The group employs about 4,000 people in Britain.

Minister preaches Green word to CBI

By Jonathan Prynn, Transport Correspondent

BRIAN MAWHINNEY, the Transport Secretary, will today warn business that it cannot afford to ignore the environmental damage caused by ever increasing road use.

In a keynote speech to the Confederation of British Industry, he will also make clear his commitment to respond to last year's Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, which concluded that further large-scale road building in Britain was unsustainable.

However, the speech, to CBI members in the South-East will stop well short of announcing specific measures to curb road use. Instead, it will throw the question open to the business community to come up with solutions.

Two weeks ago, the CBI accused the Government of granting the Green lobby excessive influence over government policy at the expense of business interests. It was alarmed by the findings of the Royal Commission, which called for a doubling of the price of petrol and spending on roads to be halved.

In its report on national transport policy, *Missing Links*, the CBI said called for more investment in new roads and an improvement in rail services.



Thinking big: Brian Moffat, chairman of British Steel

Threat to BT and Mercury grows in Scotland

By Eric Reguly

SCOTTISH Power will continue its evolution next month when it takes on BT and Mercury with the launch of ScottishTelecom. The commercial telecommunications service differs from other emerging telecoms players in that it is building its own trunk and local-loop networks; eventually, it will not have to rely on BT to complete domestic calls.

The trunk-line system is similar to the one developed by Energis in England and Wales. Energis, owned by the National Grid, created a national network on the cheap by hanging fibre-optic cable from its electricity pylons. ScottishTel has done the same, using ScottishPower's pylons.

Providing the local loop was equally simple because ScottishPower runs electricity cables into customer' homes and businesses. All ScottishTel had to do was run fibre-optic lines along existing electricity ducts.

ScottishTel spent £30 million in 1994 to create its network, and plans to invest another £15 million this year, offering cut-rate prices to attract business customers. Scottish Nuclear, the Glasgow City Council, Abbey National and TeleWest cable are among the believers so far.

It intends to attack the residential market in about two years. The cable companies, which have licences to offer both video and telephony services, are likely partners on the home front.

Rod Matthews, ScottishTel's chief executive, said the company's goal is to capture about 20 per cent of the Scottish market by the end of the decade. "It has got to be around that sort of number, or it doesn't make sense," he said.

Some observers think ScottishTel will have a hard time evolving beyond fringe status. They note that BT, in spite of its size, is proving to be an agile competitor. Recent statistics show that BT, 11 years after it was privatised and four years after the BT-Mercury duopoly was broken, still accounts for 88 per cent of the industry's turnover. BT is guarding its business customers especially carefully. David Miller, finance director of General Cable, said: "What ScottishTel is doing is exactly what Mercury did; they are trying to cream off the top of the business market because it's the most lucrative. But the business market is exactly where BT is cutting."

BT has been offering special incentives to keep existing business customers, and lure others. But it has one big competitive disadvantage. Under its licence, it cannot offer regional pricing.

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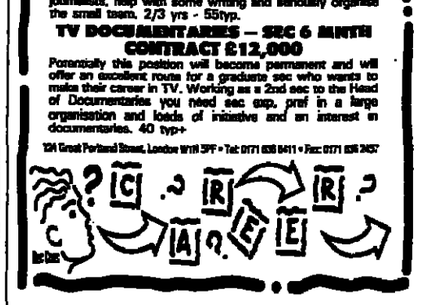
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Far from fretting about how to win those sections of the TV audience it does not have, the BBC should concentrate on appreciating the ones it has

Young viewers like it bloody



BRENDA MADDOX

As the BBC continues its comic pursuit of the unattainable — mass audiences through political correctness — it becomes clear that British television cannot give younger, downmarket viewers what they really want because middle-aged, middle-class regulation won't let them have it. Thank God.

This morning, the results of the BBC's two-year review of its programmes will be unveiled. Advance leaks suggest that the BBC has spent £2 million to learn that we are indeed two nations, and that one likes the BBC better than does the other. But which two nations? Rich and poor? North and South? Male and female?

Of course, the chasm the BBC most regrets finding itself on the wrong side of is that between youth and age. What the BBC really wants is Channel 4's audience. Today's new figures from the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising show that Channel 4 easily outstrips the other three terrestrial channels in popularity with the most sought-after age group: the 16 to 34s, the viewers of tomorrow. And to twist the knife, the institute's figures also show that Channel 4 appeals to the very socio-economic groups, the C2DEs, which the BBC is beating its breast about under-serving.

Channel 4 knows what the young want, and has probably gone as far as it can go in supplying it: eating vomit, necrophiliac confessions and nude chat shows; a loopy breakfast programme and, coming in March, *Red Light Zone*, "a major new initiative" illuminating, over eight Saturday nights, the sex industries, erotica, sexual tourism and the body trade.

Last week, Michael Grade was sceptical about my suggestion that such boldness might be the real reason why Channel 4 has lost its battle with the Conservative Government to get back the £57 million that the law requires it to hand to ITV. But I'm not so sure. Paul Johnson's intemperate outburst in the *Daily Mail* on the irreverent trio responsible for Channel 4's attack on Mother Teresa seemed to me to vent a wider view that this radical channel is tolerated, on a leash, if only to keep worse at bay.

With its lost £57 million, Channel 4 says it could sponsor many more British films. With these, it certainly has the knack. Its latest hit, *Shallow Grave*, has had reviewers saying "gripping", "impressively assured" and "if only more British movies turned out this way".

Yet to me *Shallow Grave* is the perfect example of the two-nations gulf the BBC is facing. *Shallow Grave* made me so sick that I wished I had not gone. Not because of the bloody, ham-fisted dismemberment of a corpse that forms the plot, but rather because of two swift scenes of men tortured to death: one put naked into a deep freezer, the other trussed and drowned in a bathtub. These will stick in my mind for ever.

I know, I know. To admit that you cannot take film violence is tantamount to admitting that your favourite exercise machine is the Zimmer frame — that you are in the age group with which the BBC feels so burdened: the middle and well-over-middle aged.

My wish is not to stop Channel 4 from showing things such as last Saturday night's *The Word*, in which someone drank raw worms mixed, but not thoroughly, in an electric blender, nor from making black films. It is to point out that the BBC cannot go further towards the social edge in pursuit of youth without running foul of the entire regulatory system legally imposed by the very gentility the BBC now so resents.

What the successes of *Pulp Fiction* and the forthcoming *Natural Born Killers* prove is that the young demand graphic representations of physical pain.

Why this anguish should have such box-office appeal is anybody's guess. Perhaps filmic approximations are necessary for a generation which has never known a firebombing or a gas chamber, let alone the use of the prison treadmill as a punishment for homosexuality.

But British regulation, the strictest in Europe, is based on the belief that the extremes of the cinema should be banned from the living room. Call it a double standard or hypocrisy, or call it civility: the wish, enshrined in law, is to protect not only children but everybody from the unexpected intrusion of the unwanted in their own homes.

This wish accounts for the severe censorship of films released for videos, and even of advertisements. Only last month the Broadcasting Standards Council upheld a complaint against the White Fish Authority for an ITV commercial showing a man lying, frosted, in a deep freezer, because there were dangers of imitation. It will be interesting to see whether the similar scene in *Shallow Grave* passes the video censors.

So good luck to the BBC in shedding its gentility. Good luck to it in attracting the elusive downmarket 16 to 34s with new programmes about science, the regions and ethnic minorities. Above all, good luck in not further alienating the middle-class and middle-aged — no vanishing constituency but a growing one. Perhaps the corporation should now spend another £2 million to find out why it does not appreciate the loyal audience it has.

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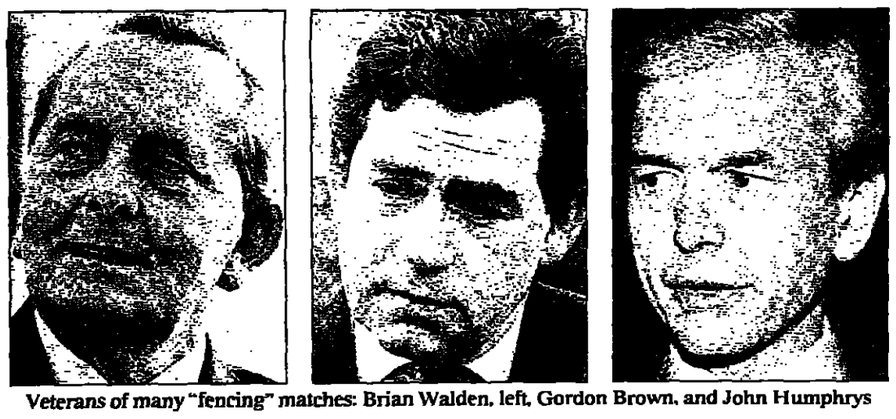




Star interviewers: the subtle but soft, David Frost, left, with Kenneth Clarke, and the challenging and confrontational, Jeremy Paxman

I'm sorry, I'll ask that again

John Birt's Paxman-bashing speech reveals the malaise that has overtaken the modern television interview, says **David Cox**



Veterans of many "fencing" matches: Brian Walden, left, Gordon Brown, and John Humphrys

The BBC's Director-General would hardly have felt obliged to mount a thinly veiled attack on his own top interviewer if all had been well with political interviewing. But things are far worse than John Birt appreciated in his Paxman-bashing Dublin speech. A deep malaise has overtaken the genre.

When I started producing *Walden* in 1989, interviews were still a testing ground for political ideas. The Prime Minister used studios to do battle for her convictions. Mrs Thatcher required the same approach from her colleagues, and shamed her opponents into following suit. But the John Major years have seen politicians change their attitude. Backbench rebels may still have convictions to parade, but frontbenchers' minds are on clinging to power or acquiring it. For them, interviewers' questions are less opportunities to persuade than obstacles to circumvent.

As a result, a typical interview now goes something like this. "Mr Brown, what would a Labour government do about tax?" "I'm not prepared to announce tax rates this far ahead of an election." "But I'm not asking for the rates, just an idea of your approach." "I'm happy to discuss the principles that would guide us." "What are they?" "Labour believes in fair taxation." "Does that mean Labour would raise taxes for the rich?" "I told you I wouldn't talk about tax rates."

Except that it's much worse than that. Politicians now take lessons from advisers who are expert in subverting democratic inquiry. "Bridging" is just one technique they are encouraged to adopt. This means responding with what sounds like an answer to the question posed but which develops instead into a party political broadcast about something else. The application of such techniques means that in the case of the interview outlined above, viewers would be reminded at length that the Tories had increased the total tax burden and broken their promises on VAT, that tax revenues would rise if unemployment were reduced and that training was very important, before they had realised that they would learn nothing whatsoever about taxation.

During Gordon Brown's final appearance on *Walden* in November, we asked him in desperation whether he would at least acknowledge that if Labour were not prepared to say it would necessarily keep taxes down, then it must at least be possible that taxes might go up. Some mysterious form of politician's logic enabled him to state confidently that no such inference could possibly be drawn.

While the Opposition refuses to discuss its plans, the Government hides behind fudges concocted to disguise its divisions. All interviewers have had to confront these realities, but they have done so in different ways.

Brian Walden would allow an interviewee to make an irrelevant response, then point out that his original question had not been answered and suggest a reason for this. However, he could do this only because his interviews were longer than anyone else's. And the process tested the patience of viewers, who often learnt no more from the investment of a Sunday lunchtime than that a politician would not level with them.

Other interviewers have less airtime and less patient viewers. If they are to get anywhere they now have to interrupt. Some, in particular Nick Clarke of Radio 4's *The World at One*, are brilliant at judging when it is reasonable to do this, but there are still listeners convinced that a pipsqueak hack is cheating them of a great man's pearls of wisdom. Since interruption may only provoke a different kind of filibuster, they are not easily disabused.

David Frost has dispensed with follow-up grillings and lets interviewees get away with inadequate responses to his often extremely acute questions. Politicians would have you believe that this approach is dangerously disarming, but their enthusiasm to appear on Frost's couch belies this.

What Frost and Alastair Stewart, his GMTV equivalent, achieve is helping gun-shy politicians such as John Major to avoid those tougher interview forums that remain, such as John Humphrys's *On the Record*, by providing them with boltholes.

Jeremy Paxman is a quite different case. He has abandoned forensic inquiry in favour of firing off challenging questions without paying undue heed to the responses. His charisma enables him to carry this off to the delight of those who share his impatience with authority, but to the horror of those, perhaps including his Director-General, who believe in deference to the powerful.

No interviewer has found an effective means of tackling the politicians of today, nor is one likely to. There is no point blaming politicians for the way they choose to behave, but it is time broadcasters took some counter-measures. Political interview shows have proliferated largely because they cost little and seem easy.

Let us now have far fewer of them, much better done — and let's use the airtime released to mount programmes addressing the issues of the day in more effective ways.

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Rewards for the loyal shopper

Supermarkets are now thanking customers for choosing their stores

A new type of competition has broken out among the supermarket chains: the "Thank You" wars. Tesco was first off the mark last Friday with the launch of its nationwide loyalty scheme, which offers customers 1 per cent off their grocery bills if they pay with their Clubcard. "We have worked hard to develop a close relationship with our customers," Sir Ian MacLaurin, the Tesco chairman, says. "The Clubcard is a way of thanking them for shopping with us."

Then, on Sunday, Sainsbury's staff greeted shoppers with a leaflet and a speech about the chain's 125th birthday celebrations. Over the next month, Sainsbury's customers will be inundated with special offers, prize draws and little gifts to thank its shoppers' loyalty.

But why launch these initiatives and why now? Unable to notch up spectacular sales growth simply by opening new superstores and under pressure from discounters, the chains are realising just how valuable their existing customers are. And they are trying to find better ways of persuading consumers to part with more of their money. But with similar product ranges, store environments, and price and service levels, they are finding it difficult to stand out from the crowd.



Tesco's scheme offers discounts on bills

The plan is to make each local store into a magnet for customers, transforming their weekly shop into a thrill. Archie Norman, the chief executive of Asda, says that shopping should be like reading a book: something to grab you in the beginning, and to keep you moving through to the end. "As they come out of the store, people should be able to tell you what the chapter headings were and why it had an exciting ending," he says.

Anthony Rees, Sainsbury's director of marketing, agrees. National brand values encapsulated by slogans, such as "Sainsbury's, where good food costs less", remain crucial, he says. "But each customer's view of Sainsbury's comes not from national advertising but from how they were treated during their last visit.

"We don't want to be seen as a large, faceless company that means nothing to the customers," he says. "If they like our new approach, it might become the pattern of the future."

Likewise Tesco. Grant Harrison, the Clubcard manager, says: "It is up to each store to develop a local relationship with its customers so that each begins to see it as 'my store'."

Tesco plans to use data gleaned from the Clubcard — which automatically links names and addresses to records of what they buy — so that it can target offers at customers.

But will the "Thank You" prize draws and other events be powerful enough to compete with the discounts offered by loyalty schemes? Wary of a new round of price wars, whereby each supermarket chain tries to outbid its rivals by offering higher and higher loyalty incentives, Sainsbury's says it will never take its Saver Card nationwide. (Currently, it is restricted to a few selected stores.) But because Safeway and Asda are waiting in the wings with their own schemes, it may be forced to.

These card schemes are not just price wars by another name. The discounts offered are effectively payments to consumers for handing over crucial marketing information. As Tesco's Mr Harrison says, marketing is moving away from trying to change consumers' behaviour to understanding it and giving them what they want. That means future competition will revolve around who knows their customers best.

ALAN MITCHELL

A wander in 'wasteland'

ANDY Allan, the chief executive of Carlton Television, confessed last year that he found daytime viewing a "dull and predictable" wasteland of banality. He need only have checked the ratings to discover that the mid-morning, sofa-based magazine programmes on ITV and BBC1 at which his remarks were aimed do not dominate daytime viewing anyway, *writes Alexandra Frean.*

BBC1's *Good Morning with Anne and Nick*, presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen, does not even feature in this week's ratings chart, which looks at the top 20 broadcasts between 9.30am and 5.30pm, excluding children's programmes. Its rival on ITV, *This Morning*, presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan, fares slightly better, attracting 2.1 million viewers on Wednesday, January 25.

Channel 4 and BBC2, which rarely appear in peak-time ratings charts, perform strongly during the day, especially during the afternoon when the available audience is bigger than in the morning. The letters and numbers quiz show *Countdown*, which was the first programme to be broadcast on Channel 4, heads the chart with 4.9 million viewers.

TOP 20: DAYTIME

January 23-29, 9.30am-5.30pm, excluding children's programmes

	Programme	Date	Time	Chan	Producer	Genre	Aud(M) All 4+
1	Countdown	Tue 24	16.30	CHA4	Yorkshire Television	Game Show	4.9
2	One O'Clock News	Fri 27	13.00	BBC1	BBC News and C A	News	4.7
3	Neighbours	Fri 27	13.30	BBC1	Grundy Int'l Ops Ltd	Soap	4.6
4	Home And Away	Fri 27	13.29	ITV	Seven Network Australia	Soap	3.7
5	Lunchtime News	Thu 26	12.30	ITV	ITN	News	3.4
6	Today's The Day	Fri 27	15.59	BBC2	Mentorn Films	Game show	3.1
7	Ready, Steady, Cook	Fri 27	16.29	BBC2	Bazal Productions	Lifestyle	2.9
8	The Oprah Winfrey Show	Fri 27	16.59	BBC2	Harpo Prodns Inc	Chat show	2.9
9	Oprah Winfrey	Tue 24	17.01	CHA4	Harpo Productions Inc	Chat show	2.7
10	Timekeepers"	Fri 27	13.53	BBC1	Action Time	Game show	2.7
11	Ricki Lake	Wed 25	17.02	CHA4	The Garth Ancier Co	Chat show	2.6
12	Emmerdale	Thu 26	17.02	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Soap	2.4
13	The Flying Doctors	Fri 27	12.59	BBC1	Crawford Prod Pty	Drama series	2.3
14	Pebble Mill	Fri 27	14.47	BBC1	BBC	Chat show	2.3
15	News Headlines	Fri 27	12.04	ITV	ITN	News	2.2
16	Alias Smith & Jones	Fri 27	15.21	ITV	Universal	Drama Series	2.2
17	Coronation Street	Wed 25	14.19	BBC1	Granada Television	Soap	2.1
18	This Morning	Mon 23	12.59	ITV	Granada Television	Consumer Affairs	2.1
19	News And Weather	Wed 25	11.00	ITV	BBC	News	2.1
20	The Time The Place	Tue 24	15.53	BBC2	Angha Television	Consumer affairs	2.1
		Thu 26	10.00	ITV			

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New research strengthens the link between media images of women and eating disorders

Thin disguise for the glossy women

Only a brave editor would compare the victims of Nazi death camps with the models who, 50 years later, parade across the world's most aspirational magazines, but that is what Marcelle d'Argy Smith, editor of *Cosmopolitan*, does. Perhaps she just wants to make a headline, but her anxiety seems sincere.

"I've noticed," she says, "a similarity between people who are being starved to death, and people who are starving themselves to death. There's something very odd going on."

Recent research suggests that a link between glamorous magazine images and the prevalence of eating disorders cannot be dismissed as a product of politically correct imaginations.

Some editors still try to do so, but their denials seem increasingly disingenuous. A study at Arizona State University, published in the *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology*, showed that three minutes spent flicking through magazines such as *Cosmopolitan* was enough to induce "Barbie syndrome", a trauma which manifests as depression, stress, guilt and shame. Women who spent a lot of time watching television and reading glossy magazines were, moreover, particularly prone to eating disorders, the researchers claimed.

The findings intensify the professional dilemma for magazine journalists. In general, it is difficult to doubt their commitment to empowering young women, or to marrying feminist ideals with the sales ambitions of their publishers.

"Anorexia has been around since the 17th century," says Mandi Norwood, editor of *Company*. "The first recorded case was in 1694, so I think it is a bit rich to start heaping all the blame onto women's magazines, which have been around for only 30 or 40 years. Women's magazines are an easy target. There has to be a deeper, more sinister explanation."

When Dr Sarah Grogan, a psychologist at Manchester Metropolitan University, asked groups of male and female students to rate the attractiveness of magazine models, both sexes emerged from the experiments with lowered self-esteem.



Kate Moss: tabloid hype

Dr Grogan says: "Magazines are stuck in an almost impossible situation. Some, such as *Marie Claire*, are almost trying to go against the trend, looking at different bodies and saying they're all fine. But it's a dual message, because their models are still very thin."

The answer for women's glossies, says Rosie Boycott, editor of *Esquire*, the men's magazine, lies in a broader definition of femininity, bringing their agendas closer to those of men's media. Careers mix with romance, politics vie for space with parachuting and pedicures. "Men do not derive their sense of macho and self-esteem mainly from how they look," says Boycott. "It comes from their intelligence and interests. The appalling thing about women is that they still derive their sense of being from the female form."

Angela Holden, editor of *Sky* magazine, claims female readers demand it. "Men are more forgiving of the imperfect female body. Women prefer to look at totally idealised images. Every magazine tries to make women look totally appealing to its readers."

But newspapers, according to d'Argy Smith, are even guiltier. Both tabloids and broadsheets have seized on glamour as the palatable, youth-orientated antidote to global disasters, but their consciences, she says, lag behind.

"Fashion has beaten Bosnia and warring Russia to the front pages. There are models on prominent pages of *The Times*. Supermodels are bigger than pop stars or royalty, and, by God, they are slim."

Tabloids, she says, are particularly careless in their selection of female role models. "The two icons of the age, Jane Fonda and Princess Diana, were both well-known bulimics and wildly obsessive. Princess Di takes her bulimic body to the gym and stays there for hours."

At least most editors now disdain the Kate Moss genre of role model. Mandi Norwood of *Company* says the Croydon waif has never been an icon for her readers; for April Joyce, editor of *19* magazine, Moss is a mere figure of fun in teenage gossip columns.

"The whole hyping of Kate Moss was a real tabloid notion," says Holden. "They just love to show a photo of a half-clad waif, and if it's next to a story on anorexia, that makes it sexier."

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Human Rights Law Report

Strasbourg

Breach in retrospective effect of drugs confiscation order

Welch v United Kingdom
(Case No 1/1994/448/527)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges F. Matscher, R. Macdonald, J. de Mayer, I. Foighel, R. Pekkanen, Sir John Freeland, L. Wildhaber and K. Jungwiert

Registrar H. Petzold

[Judgment February 9]

When a confiscation order was imposed retrospectively following conviction for drug offences, and irrespective of the characterisation of that confiscation measure in domestic law, such a confiscation could amount to a penalty within the meaning of article 7.1 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

In the instant case, the European Court of Human Rights held, unanimously, that there was a violation of that provision in that Mr Welch faced more far-reaching detriment as a result of a confiscation order under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 than that to which he was exposed at the time of the commission of the offence for which he was convicted.

That conclusion concerned only the retrospective application of relevant legislation and not powers of confiscation conferred on the courts.

Article 7.1 of the Convention provides: "No one shall be held guilty of any criminal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a criminal offence under national or international law at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed than one that was applicable at the time the criminal offence was committed."

Section 1 of the 1986 Act provides:

"(1) . . . where a person appears before the crown court to be sentenced in respect of one or more drug trafficking offences (and has not previously been sentenced or otherwise dealt with in respect of his conviction for the offence or, as the case may be, any of the offences concerned), the courts shall act as follows:

" (2) The court shall first determine whether he has benefited from drug trafficking.

"(3) For the purposes of this Act, a person who has at any time (whether before or after the commencement of this section) received any payment or other reward in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him or another has benefited from drug trafficking.

"(4) If the court determines that he has so benefited, the court shall, before sentencing . . . determine . . . the amount to be recovered in his case by virtue of this section.

"(5) The court shall then in respect of the offence or offenses concerned — (a) order him to pay that amount. . ."

Section 2 provides:

"(1) for the purposes of this Act — (a) any payments or other rewards received by a person at any time (whether before or after the commencement of section 1 of this Act) in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him or another are his proceeds of drug trafficking, and (b) the value of his proceeds of drug trafficking is the aggregate of the values of the payments or other rewards.

"(2) The court may, for the purpose of determining whether the defendant has benefited from drug trafficking and, if he has, of assessing the value of his proceeds of drug trafficking, make the following assumptions, except to the extent that any of the assumptions are shown to be incorrect in the defendant's case.

"(3) Those assumptions are —

"(a) that any property appearing to the court — (i) to have been held by him at any time since his conviction, or (ii) to have been transferred to him at any time since the beginning of the period of six years ending when the proceedings were instituted against him, was received by him, at the earliest time at which he appears to the court to have held it, as a payment or reward in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him,

"(b) that any expenditure of his since the beginning of that period was met out of payments received by him in connection with drug trafficking carried on by him, and

(c) that, for the purpose of valuing any property received or assumed to have been received by him at any time as such a reward, he received the property free of any other interests in it. . .

Section 4 provides:

"(1) Subject to subsection (3) below, the amount to be recovered in the defendant's case . . . shall be the amount the crown court assesses to be the value of the defendant's proceeds of drug trafficking.

"(2) If the court is satisfied as to any matter relevant for determining the amount that might be realised at the time the confiscation order is made . . . the court may issue a certificate giving the court's opinion as to the matters concerned and shall do so if satisfied as mentioned in subsection (3) below.

"(3) If the court is satisfied that the amount that might be realised at the time the confiscation order is made is less than the amount the court assesses to be the value of his proceeds of drug trafficking, the amount to be recovered in the defendant's case under the confiscation order shall be the amount appearing to the court to be the amount that might be so realised."

Mr Peter Welch was arrested on November 3,1986 and subsequently charged with drugs offences allegedly committed between January 1, 1986 and the day of his arrest.

On August 24, 1988 he was found guilty on five counts. He was sentenced to 22 years imprisonment in respect of two offences and to 20 years in respect of the other three.

In addition, the judge made a confiscation order against him for £66,914 under the 1986 Act, in default of payment the applicant would be liable to serve a consecutive two-year prison sentence. The operative provisions of that Act had come into force on January 12, 1987, that is after the dates on which the offences were committed.

The applicant appealed to the Court of Appeal, which on June 11, 1990 reduced the sentence by two years and the amount of the confiscation order by £7,000.

The application was lodged with the European Commission of Human Rights on June 22, 1990, it was declared admissible on February 12, 1993 in so far as it raised issues under article 7 of the Convention.

Having attempted unsuccessfully to secure a friendly settlement the Commission drew up a report on October 15, 1993 in which it established the facts and expressed the opinion that there had been no violation of article 7 (seven votes to seven with the casting vote of the President being decisive).

The Commission referred the case to the Court on January 15, 1994.

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as follows:

I Alleged violation of article 7.1

The Court first observed that the retrospective imposition of the confiscation order was not in dispute in the present case.

The order had been made following a conviction in respect of drugs offences which had been committed before the 1986 Act came into force.

The only question to be determined was whether the order constituted a penalty within the meaning of article 7.1.

The concept of a penalty in that provision was, like the notions of civil rights and obligations and criminal charge in article 6.1, an autonomous Convention concept.

To render the protection offered by article 7 effective, the Court had to remain free to go behind appearances and assess for itself whether a particular measure amounted in substance to a penalty within the meaning of the provision.

The wording of the second sentence of article 7.1 indicated that the starting point in any assessment of the existence of a penalty was whether the measure in question was imposed following conviction for a criminal offence.

Other factors that would be taken into account as relevant in that connection were the nature and purpose of the measure in question, its characterisation under national law, the procedures involved in the making and implementation of the measure and its severity.

As regards the connection with a criminal offence, it was to be observed that before an order could be made under the 1986 Act the accused must have been convicted of one or more drug trafficking offences.

That link was in no way diminished by the fact that, due to the operation of the statutory presumptions concerning the extent to which the applicant had benefited from trafficking, the court order could affect proceeds or property which were not directly related to the facts underlying the criminal conviction.

While the reach of the measure could be necessary to the attainment of the aims of the 1986 Act, that did not alter the fact that its imposition was dependent on there having been a criminal conviction.

In assessing the nature and purpose of the measure, the Court had regard to the background of the 1986 Act, which was introduced to overcome the inadequacy of the existing powers of forfeiture and to confer on the courts the power to confiscate proceeds after they had been converted into other forms of assets.

The preventive purpose of confiscating property that might be available for use in future drug trafficking operations as well as the purpose of ensuring that crime did not pay were evident from the ministerial statements that were made to Parliament at the time of the introduction of the legislation.

However, it could not be excluded that legislation which conferred such broad powers of confiscation on the courts also pursued the aim of punishing the offender.

Indeed, the aims of prevention and reparation were with a punitive purpose and could be seen as constituent elements of the very notion of punishment.

In that connection, confiscation orders had been characterised in some United Kingdom court decisions as constituting penalties and, in others, as pursuing the aim of reparation as opposed to punishment.

Although on balance those statements pointed more in the direction of a confiscation order being a punitive measure, the Court did not consider them to be of much assistance since they were not directed at the point at issue under article 7 but rather made in the course of examination of associated questions of domestic law and procedure.

The Court agreed with the Government and the Commission that the severity of the order was not in itself decisive, since many non-penal measures of a preventive nature could have a substantial impact on the person concerned.

However, there were several aspects of the making of an order under the 1986 Act which were in keeping with the idea of a penalty as it was commonly understood even though they could also be considered as essential to the preventive scheme inherent in the 1986 Act.

The sweeping statutory assumptions in section 2(3) of the 1986 Act, that all property passing through the offender's hands over a six-year period was the fruit of drug trafficking unless he could prove otherwise, the fact that the confiscation order was directed to the proceeds involved in drug dealing and was not limited to actual enrichment or profit (see sections 1 and 2 of the 1986 Act), the discretion of the trial judge, in fixing the amount of the order, to take into consideration the degree of culpability of the accused, and the possibility of imprisonment in default of payment by the offender, were all elements which, when considered together, provided a strong indication of, inter alia, a regime of punishment.

Finally, looking behind appearances at the realities of the situation, whatever the characterisation of the measure of confiscation, the fact remained that the applicant faced more far-reaching detriment as a result of the order than that to which he was exposed at the time of the commission of the offences for which he was convicted: see *mutatis mutandis*, *Campbell and Fell v United Kingdom* of June 28, 1984 (Series A No 80, p38, paragraph 72).

Taking into consideration the combination of punitive elements outlined above, the confiscation order amounted, in the circumstances of the present case, to a penalty.

Accordingly, there had been a breach of article 7.1.

The court stressed, however, that that conclusion concerned only the retrospective application of the relevant legislation and did not call into question in any respect the powers of confiscation conferred on the courts as a weapon in the fight against the scourge of drug trafficking.

II Application of article 50

A Damage

The Court noted that the confiscation order had not yet been enforced because of the present proceedings. It considered that in those circumstances the matter was not ready for decision. The question was accordingly to be reserved and the further procedure fixed, with due regard to the possibility of an agreement being reached between the Government and the applicant.

B Costs and expenses

The Court awarded the applicant £13,852.60 less the sums paid by way of legal aid in respect of costs and expenses relating to the Strasbourg proceedings.

Court of Appeal

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Court of Appeal

Inaction did not pervert justice

Regina v Headley

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Popplewell and Mrs Justice Steel

[Judgment February 13]

A defendant who ignored a summons in his name and who allowed informations alleging contraventions of the Road Traffic Act 1988 committed by his brother to be proved in his own name, did not thereby do a series of acts tending to pervert the course of justice.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Anthony Michael Headley against his conviction on July 4, 1994 following a change of plea to guilty after a ruling by Judge Maclaren Webster, QC, at Salisbury Crown Court, of one count of perverting the course of justice between August 25, 1991 and September 8, 1992, on which he was fined £350 and ordered to pay £500 towards the costs of the prosecution.

Mr Geoffrey Kelly, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant: Mr Charles Cochand for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that on August 26, 1991 when the appellant's brother was driving the appellant's car it was stopped by a police officer because it was not displaying a vehicle excise licence.

The officer issued a form requiring the production of documents at a police station. The documents were not produced and a summons was issued in the appellant's name. He did not attend court and was sentenced in his absence at Skegness Magistrates Court on September 7, 1992 for driving without a licence, having no insurance or test certificate and failing to produce insurance and a test certificate to the police. He was fined a total of £260, ordered to pay £20 costs and his licence was endorsed with eight penalty points.

He did not make regular payments and the matter was sent to the Salisbury Magistrates Court, which sought to recover the fine and costs. The matter came to light when a police officer executed a warrant for non-payment of fines and the appellant gave a different date of birth from that on the warrant. He explained the discrepancy by saying that his brother had been stopped when driving the appellant's car and had given the wrong date of birth.

The terms of the indictment were important: "Perverting the course of justice. Particulars of offence: [the appellant] on a day betwen August 25, 1991 and September 8, 1992 did a series of acts tending to pervert the course of justice, namely that he allowed informations alleging contraventions of the Road Traffic Act 1988 committed by [his brother] to be proved and sentenced by the Skegness Magistrates Court in [his] name, intending that the course of justice should thereby be perverted."

A submission was made to the trial judge that there was no case to answer on the basis that the appellant had not done any act, let alone a series of acts. The judge, ruling against the submission, said that the appellant's acquiescence could found a conviction of the offence. Following that ruling the appellant changed his plea to guilty.

The offence was committed where a person or persons acted or embarked upon a course of conduct which had a tendency to and was intended to pervert the course of public justice: see *R v Vreones* ([1891] 1 QB 360): and *Archbold's Pleading, Evidence and Practice in Criminal Cases* (volume 2 (1994) paragraph 28-1).

It was submitted that here there was no act or course of conduct on the appellant's part which could satisfy the requirements of that ingredient of the offence. The appellant was charged specifically in relation to the proceedings in the Skegness court. He did not appear before that court or make any representations.

Their Lordships were quite satisfied that on the facts of the case the appellant did no act and did not pursue any course of conduct which could amount to the necessary ingredient of the actus reus of the offence. He remained silent. He did nothing.

In those circumstances their Lordships were satisfied that the case ought to have been stopped by the trial judge. The defendant's acquiescence was insufficient to form any basis for the charge.

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Risk of returning abducted child

In re F (a Minor) (Child abduction: Risk if returned)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Millett and Sir Christopher Slade

[Judgment February 9]

Where a mother who had wrongfully removed her child from one jurisdiction had nevertheless shown that the child would be placed under a grave risk and in an intolerable situation if ordered to be returned to that jurisdiction, the court exceptionally would not order the child's return in the exercise of its discretion and the high threshold criteria of article 13 of the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction would be satisfied.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of the mother from the decision of Mr Justice Ward on December 20, 1994, who ordered the return of the child to the United States of America.

Mr James Munby, QC, for the mother; Miss Pamela Scriven, QC and Mr Jeremy Rosenblatt for the father.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the appeal raised two difficult issues: whether the mother in removing the child from Colorado was in breach of the father's rights of custody under article 3 of the Hague Convention, scheduled to the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985, and, if she was, whether it was a case in which article 13(b) applied and should bar the return of the child.

The judge had found that the mother had wrongfully removed the child from the USA in breach of the father's rights of custody under article 3 and that the mother had not made out a case under article 13(b).

Counsel were agreed that the child was habitually resident in Colorado prior to his removal by the mother and that the issue under article 3 was removal and not retention.

It was the duty of the court to construe the convention in a purposive way. It was repugnant to the philosophy of the convention for one parent unilaterally, secretly and with full knowledge that it was against the wishes of the other parent who possessed rights of custody to remove the child from the jurisdiction of the child's habitual residence.

Rights of custody within the convention were broader than an order of the court and parents had rights in respect of their children without the need to have them declared by the court or defined by court order.

The father and the mother both enjoyed equal and separate rights of custody by Colorado law. The removal of the child by the mother interfered with the rights of the father in that he was prevented from actually exercising them in the USA. In removing the child without the consent of the father and with the knowledge that if he knew he would have opposed her removal of the child, the mother was in breach of the father's rights of custody under the convention and the removal was wrongful.

When a court had found that the removal of the child was wrongful within the meaning of the convention, article 12 required that the court should order the return of the child forthwith unless any of the provisions of article 13 was established and the requested state exercised its discretion not to do so.

Article 13(b) stated that the court was not bound to order the return of the child if the mother who opposed his return established that "there was a grave risk that his or her return would expose the child to physical or psychological harm or otherwise placed the child in an intolerable situation".

Mr Munby recognised that a very high standard was required to demonstrate grave risk and an intolerable situation but argued that the convention envisaged that there would be cases in which the facts would meet that high standard.

Admission of oral evidence in convention cases should be allowed sparingly.

If the issues between the parties could not be resolved on affidavit, the article 13(b) criteria would not have been established. The child would be returned pursuant to article 12 and it would be for the court of habitual residence to determine the disputed issues with the opportunity to hear oral evidence and the parties cross-examined.

In many cases the absence of evidence from the other parent on the major issues would cause a court to hesitate to find the article 13(b) threshold reached.

However, in the present case, her Ladyship agreed with the judge that the evidence adduced by the mother should be treated as true, particularly since the allegations affected the child, there was an opportunity to rebut them and the consequences for the child on the evidence were potentially very serious. Since the evidence was all on affidavit the court was in as good a position as the judge to assess its impact upon the standard to be established.

To her Ladyship's knowledge there was no case which had been heard in an English appellate court in which that standard had been reached.

The signatories to the convention, none the less, anticipated that circumstances could arise in which there would be a grave risk that the return would expose the child to an intolerable situation. There were several aspects in the present case that led her Ladyship, despite considerable hesitation, to conclude that it was exceptionally such a case.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT, concurring, said that he was not wholly convinced by the evidence that there was a grave risk that the return of the child would expose him to physical or psychological harm or place him in an intolerable position within the meaning of article 13 of the convention, but his Lordship was not prepared to press his doubts to a dissent.

SIR CHRISTOPHER SLADE, agreeing, said that by the removal the mother deliberately frustrated the father's equal and separate right, under Colorado law, to determine the child's place of residence. Giving a purposive construction to the convention, his Lordship had no doubt that the removal was in breach of the father's rights of custody, within the meaning of the convention.

The courts of this country, being willing only in rare cases to hold that the conditions of fact that gave rise to the court's discretion under article 13(b) were satisfied, were quite right to be cautious and to apply a stringent test. The invocation of article 13(b), with scant justification, was all too likely to be the last resort for parents who had wrongfully removed their child to another jurisdiction.

The present case, however, was exceptional and the criteria of article 13(b) had been met.

Solicitors: Eaton Evans & Morris, Haverfordwest; Mishcon de Reya.

Adjudicator should state findings of fact

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Shahim Begum

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment February 8]

An adjudicator determining an appeal under section 19 of the Immigration Act 1971 who was not satisfied that an appellant and dependants would be able to maintain themselves without recourse to public funds should state clearly who were the parties, what were their assets and what amounts were regarded as required for adequate maintenance, in order to assist in isolating questions of law from those of fact and simplify the task of supervision that fell to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal and the court.

Mr Justice Schiemann so stated in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment when allowing an application for judicial review by Shahim Begum of the appeal tribunal's refusal on August 27, 1993 of leave to appeal against the dismissal of an adjudicator on June 11, 1993 of an appeal by Ulfat Hussain against the refusal by an entry clearance officer on September 2, 1991 of entry clearance to join her as her fiance.

Miss Inderpal Rahal for Miss Begum; Mr Steven Kovats for the appeal tribunal.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that an adjudicator faced with the task of explaining why he was not satisfied that the parties and their dependants would be able to maintain themselves without recourse to public funds should try to produce a decision which enabled the parties, the appeal tribunal and a court to be clear as to the following matters:

1 Who were regarded by him as the parties and their dependants?

2 What assets from what sources were regarded by him as available to the parties at what times in the present and the future?

3 What amounts were regarded by him as being required for adequate maintenance for the parties and their dependents during any relevant period? In that context he should bear in mind the definition of public funds in the relevant immigration rules. If he took the view in a particular case that that which would be provided to the parties from public funds as there defined was inadequate he should indicate why.

In relation to each of those matters he should indicate whether there was a dispute between the appellant and the Home Secretary and if so why the appellant had or had not satisfied him that the appellant's contentions were correct. Such an approach by an adjudicator would be more likely to isolate questions of law from those of fact and thus give to the parties the impression that they had received justice. It enabled findings of law to be identified rather than concealed in a cloud of facts and thus simplified the task of supervision that fell to the appeal tribunal or the court.

Solicitors: Winstanley Burgess; Treasury Solicitor.

Duty to discover asbestos perils

Barclays Bank plc v Fairclough Building Ltd (No 2)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment January 26]

Any contractor who undertook work on materials containing asbestos should at the latest by 1988 have been aware that there were serious health hazards connected with such work. The coming into force of the Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations (SI 1987 No 2115) and the extensive publicity about asbestos required that a contractor who did know of the risks plainly had a duty to find out about them before undertaking the work.

Lord Justice Beldam so observed in Court of Appeal on January 26 when the court upheld a claim by Carne (Structural Repair) Co Ltd, third party to a building dispute between Barclays Bank plc and Fairclough Building Ltd. Allowing in part Carne's appeal from the Judge Havery, QC, who,sitting on official referee's business in May 1993, had held that Trendleway Ltd, fourth party to the action, was in breach of contract and liable for half the costs of remedial work to the bank's premises at Wythenshaw, Lancashire.

Mr David Blunt, QC and Mr Charles Cory-Wright for Carne; Mr Giles Wingate-Saul, QC and Mr Michael Smith for Trendleway.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that that the judge based his decision that no contractual liability for breach of the implied term to exercise reasonable care and skill attached to Trendleway on the understanding that as heavy industrial cleaners who had undertaken to clean asbestos cement roofs they had not held themselves out as having expertise in relation to the health hazards potentially created.

He was wrong. Applying water in a high-pressure jet to old asbestos sheeting was obviously capable of dissolving dust and fibres and creating a slurry: the risk of asbestos dust in that slurry ought to have been obvious to any inquiring mind.

When carrying out their obligations in the contractual chain they had failed to exercise reasonable care and skill to perform the task safely and without causing extensive contamination of the surrounding area.

Lord Justice Nourse and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed in the result.

Solicitors: Davies-Lavery, Maidstone; Keogh Ritson, Bolton.

No family proceedings after adoption contact order

In re C (Minors) (Contact: Jurisdiction)

Before Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment September 20]

Notwithstanding the interim nature of a contact order made pending a possible adoption application, such application was concluded upon the making of the order so that there were not thereafter, within the meaning of section 8(3) of the Children Act 1989, family proceedings still on foot such as might have given a judge jurisdiction to vary the order of his own motion under section 10 of that Act.

The Court of Appeal so held when (i) granting the application of the father of three children for an extension of time in which to appeal against the order of Judge Wilson Mellor, QC, made on June 3, 1994 whereby he varied at the instance of the local authority an order made by him in August 1993 which granted to the local authority an order, *inter alia*, freeing the children for adoption and allowing to the parents contact with the children at the rate of 12 times a year; (ii) granting leave to appeal and allowing the father's appeal against the order of June 3, 1994 and (iii) varying the contact order to allow no more than three face-to-face contacts a year, pending further determination by the High Court.

Section 8 of the 1989 Act provides: "(3) For the purposes of this Act 'family proceedings' means any proceedings (a) under the inherent jurisdiction of the High Court in relation to children: and (b) under the enactments mentioned in subsection (4). . .

"(4) The enactments are . . .(d) the Adoption Act 1976. . ."

Section 10 provides: "(1) In any family proceedings in which a question arises with respect to the welfare of any child, the court may make a [contact order or any order varying such order] . . . if . . . (b) the court considers that the order should be made even though no . . . application has been made."

Miss Julia Macur for the father; Mr Stephen Cobb for the council.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the application raised a short but not easy point of law namely, given (i) that the purported variation by the judge of the contact order to reduce the number of face-to-face contacts to no more than three a year was not permissible within the slip rule and (ii) that the local authority had not had the power, having regard to the provisions of section 9(2) to make an application for a contact order, including by virtue of section 8(2) an application to vary such order, whether there were "family proceedings" on foot at the date of purported variation which might have given the judge jurisdiction under section 10 to make an order of his own motion.

Miss Macur had argued that the only proceedings on foot, namely those leading to the making of the interim care order, had been concluded with the making of that order.

With regret, her Ladyship believed that Miss Macur's technical point was right and that there was no way round it. The judge had not had jurisdiction to make the order of June 3, 1994.

None the less, exercising the powers of the High Court, her Ladyship would vary the order of August 1993 to permit contact three times a year pending further determination by the High Court.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, agreeing, said that the case had revealed a lacuna in the provisions of the 1989 Act. There was no application under the Adoption Act 1976 before the judge, the freeing proceedings had finished and a specific application for adoption had not, at the date of purported variation, been made.

That was not a position which the draftsman of the 1989 Act had ever contemplated. It followed, therefore that Miss Macur was right and the judge had not had jurisdiction to make the order.

No submission had been made to him, however, that he had lacked jurisdiction so that he was not to be criticised for falling into the trap. His Lordship agreed with the proposed order.

Solicitors: Anthony Collins & Co, Birmingham; Mr Stewart Dobson, Birmingham.

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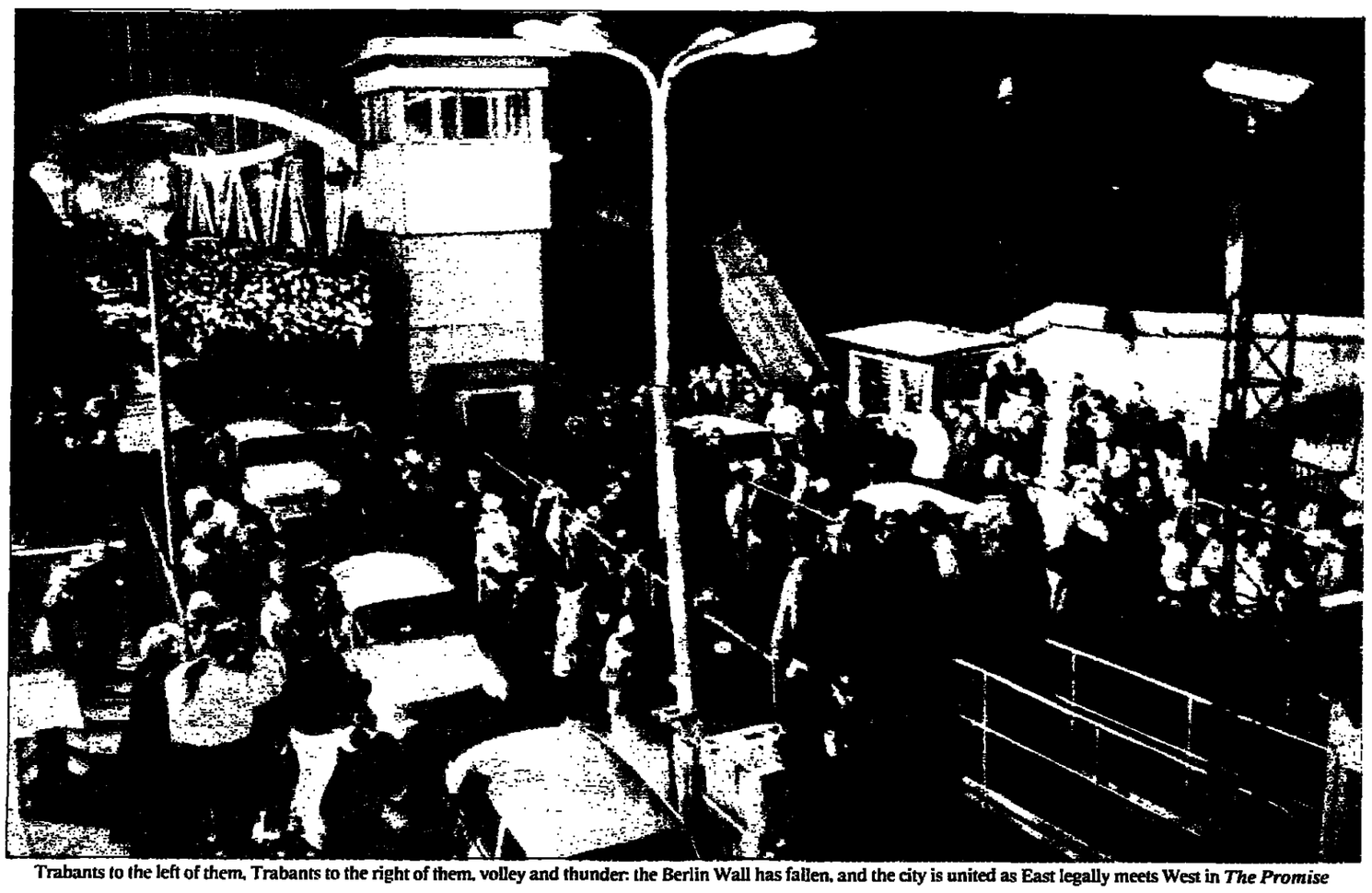
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Zaha Hadid may have won in Cardiff, but the row over architecture competitions goes on



CINEMA: Margarethe von Trotta's *The Promise* takes the wrong turns in the right town; but get set for Indian fireworks

Somewhat funereal in Berlin

Geoff Brown suffers through a slow start to Germany's 45th annual Film Festival



Trabants to the left of them, Trabants to the right of them, volley and thunder: the Berlin Wall has fallen, and the city is united as East legally meets West in *The Promise*

The past looms large at the 45th Berlin International Film Festival. This year cinema is 100 years old, or thereabouts, and the birthday party is in full swing. Before we settled down to the opening film there was a curtain-raiser from the archives: a reconstruction of Germany's first movie show, presented by the Skladanowsky brothers, Max and Emil, in Berlin's Winter Garden Variety Theatre on November 1, 1895. In the space of a few minutes we had jugglers, acrobats, dancing peasants and a man pitting his fists against a boxing kangaroo. *This* was much more fun than Lumière's dull old train arriving at a station.

> "The way to grab an audience is to make your film in Hollywood"

The festival's retrospective section is playing its part by saluting Buster Keaton, also born 100 years ago. Contemporary film-makers are not standing by idly. Agnès Varda is offering a comic fantasy called *A Hundred and One Nights*, while Edgar Reitz, the director of *Heimat*, reviews German cinema in *The Night of the Film-makers*, part of a centenary television series conceived by the British Film Institute.

The first film in the festival, Margarethe von Trotta's **The Promise**, itself peered intently into the past on Berlin's doorstep. Two lovers are separated when the Berlin Wall goes up in 1961: one escapes through the sewers to the West, the other hesitates and stays put. During the next 30 years they see each other four times, once in Prague in 1968 as the Russian tanks roll in, when a child is conceived. By the time the Wall comes down they have become different people, and there is no thread for them to pick up.

Returning to German material after a largely unrewarding period in Italy, von Trotta has crafted a competent, glossy production. It is never dull, exactly; but for all the *telling details of compromised lives* in divided Berlin, the film tends to glide past the viewer's eyes without penetrating. The jagged edges of von Trotta's earliest films have gone. Her camera moves are velvet smooth, and the players, led by Meret Becker and Anian Zollner, lack the panache to make their story of great interest to the international audience the film seems to want.

Judging by the response of Berlin's international press, the one way to grab an audience's complete attention is to make your film in Hollywood. Of the films shown in competition so far, the one to elicit the largest audience has been Robert Benton's **Nobody's Fool**, an entertaining slice of smalltown Americana starring Paul Newman. The blue-eyed charmer is 70 this year — a little older than his character, Sully, a limping loser in a town of losers. Bruce Willis, the building contractor who gives him work, actually calls him "Schmucko". Schmucko? Paul Newman?

Despite this basic contradiction, Newman gets under the character's skin superbly. So do Willis, Melanie Griffiths, the late Jessica Tandy and the rest of the players, variously cast as disappointed wives, kindly landladies, incompetent lawyers, bald-headed cops and estranged sons, gathered together in the wintry streets of North Bath, New York State. The characters, in fact, matter more than the plot. Mood, too, is all important: chiefly a benevolent acceptance of human frailty. For these reasons alone, *Nobody's Fool* will probably fare poorly at the world's box office.

Benton's film will perform better, however, than Varda's **A Hundred and One Nights**, a celebration of cinema's achievement that made even Berlin's film buffs shift in their seats. Considering the skill and charm Varda has lavished on *documentary memorials to her* partner Jacques Demy, the film's failure may be thought surprising. But Varda's story line — concerning Simon Cinéma, an aged, white-faced gent played by Michel Piccoli, who believes he is cinema personified — would be enough to sabotage any director. Prodigious sources were gathered up: a mountain of clips from mostly European films, a galaxy of stars playing themselves, from Marcello Mastroianni to a clearly bemused Harrison Ford. Then Varda throws them all away in whimsical snatches which reach the height of stupidity when Catherine Deneuve and Robert De Niro, bickering away like husband and wife, lull about in a swan boat.

An hour after the Varda finished, the press corps was subjected to Reitz's **The Night of the Film-makers**. Nightmare would be more appropriate. Its essence is simple. *More than 20 German film-makers*, from that prickly dragon Leni Riefenstahl to modern masters from both the West and East, offer thoughts on their country's cinema, with illustrations. But the fancy style of presentation keeps interfering with the material, and the film never rises above the level of annoyance.

New cinema voices have been hard to detect in Berlin's babble. But Marius Holst, a 35-year-old from Norway, has started out well with an attractive first film, **Cross my Heart and Hope to Die**, entered in competition. This was the most popular Norwegian film at the local box office last year, although the smallness of its story — about a schoolboy's traumatic summer — will probably restrict its foreign exposure.

Newly favoured directors are back in Berlin with their latest work: Hong Kong's Stanley Kwan, who dazzled all eyes with his ghost story *Rouge*, is represented by **Red Rose, White Rose**, adapted from a novel about a Shanghai man in the 1930s, torn between his passionate lover and his noble, innocent wife. The first half bowls along with sumptuous shots through rain-swept windows, glass-panelled doors and the like. Then, as the story slots into a melodramatic pattern, the film slowly stagnates. Sterling acting, though, especially from Veronica Yip and Joan Chen.

More fresh air blows through the new film by Richard Linklater, who chronicled America's idle youth in *Slacker* and *Dazed and Confused*. In **Before Sunrise** he takes a big jump forward: instead of a mosaic of characters, he concentrates on two — *a French student and an American* — who meet on a European train and decide to spend the day exploring Vienna and each other. Sustaining a film through two people walking and talking is a high-risk enterprise, but Linklater's sympathetic understanding and his likeable players, Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy, reduce the risk to a minimum.

While all these films have unspooled in the official festival, the European Film Market has been showering potential buyers with unknown quantities made by people you have never heard of, and will never hear of again. For these, your only guides are the descriptions in the catalogue. "A parable whose action, set in Poland, Switzerland and Paris, is linked with the mythical motif of the frog" (*A Frog's Leap*, from Poland). "A musical film about an *inquisitive young saxophone player*" (*It Also Snows in Paradise*, from Lithuania). "A study of a dysfunctional dairy-farming family in a perpetually dark, wet and cold corner of southern Wisconsin" (*Blessing*, from America). I saw none of them.

Revenge for the caste of millions

Is *Bandit Queen* a brave stand against India's treatment of women, or the cheap exploitation of a real life?



"The film doesn't romanticise Phoolan Devi. We don't justify what she did": Shekhar Kapur, director of *Bandit Queen*

No matter what it was that might have happened between Dr Aziz and Adela Quested in Forster's Marabar caves, it was nothing when compared to what *did* happen to Phoolan Devi.

She was a lower-caste Indian bride at 11, but ran away from the *brutal husband* to whom her parents had sold her. She fell into banditry. She was kidnapped by rival dacoits and gang-raped. She was implicated in the revenge massacre of two dozen of these higher-caste bandits, who were linked both to her rapists and to the murder of her lover: it made headlines as the biggest bandit shootout in recent Indian history.

Devi, the Bandit Queen, became a feminist legend. She and her otherwise all-male gang stole, killed and kidnapped, but they also helped peasants who had sheltered and fed them, and they protected child brides from bullies. Shops in India sold Devi dolls, laced with bandoliers.

Eventually, she surrendered — in front of thousands of cheering supporters and newspaper photographers. A year ago this week, she was released from an 11-year spell in prison, falling eagerly into the myth-massaging embrace of media celebrity.

Devi has now had a chilling film made of her life. Financed by Channel 4, *Bandit Queen* has won over audiences at film festivals from Cannes to Toronto. But Devi has tried to ban the film: she says it exploits her and invades her privacy ("They are raping me all over again and selling me on the screen," she says). Now 32, Devi says she wants to go into politics.

India's censors have refused to bless the film uncut. Officially this is because it is too violent and vulgar, because it shows rape and full nudity, and woman-on-top sex (Seema Biswas, the actress playing these scenes, had a nervous breakdown when it came to baring all). Unofficially, the film has run into trouble because it paints a grim picture of the fate of women in rural India and of the injustices of the caste system.

Remember, this is not a plot spun by the fevered imagination of a Hollywood, or even a Bollywood, scriptwriter. So what kind of plot is it? A spaghetti western about a woman wronged who goes out to settle the score? A *Bonnie and Clyde* adventure of bandits on the run? A gory Sam Peckinpah shoot-out? Is this woman Robin Hood? Or Rambo? Or Gloria Steinem with attitude?

"People say all of those things," says the director Shekhar Kapur, who came to England 25 years ago to study accountancy and went home eight years later to escape balance sheets and learn about film-making in Bombay. "But I think most people realise this is a film about the relationship between men and women. I've heard men coming out saying they feel slightly ashamed to be a man."

Kapur's previous two directorial adventures were family entertainment for the Indian market. So of all the films in all the world, why make this one? "Because here, on one level, I could tell the larger truth about the caste system, and, on a universal level, I could tell something about men's attitude to women," Kapur says. "In parts of India it is not politically incorrect for higher-caste men to rape lower-caste women. That's not to say it isn't illegal to rape, just that nobody gets convicted for it. There are laws to protect the lower castes, but they're totally ignored.

When the higher castes — there are higher and lower castes even in the world of banditry — feel the slightest bit threatened, they rape the women of the lower castes," Kapur says. "It's a way of showing domination, of saying: 'We've shamed your women and therefore the *honour of your community*'.

"But what exactly is this shame? This is the only crime in the world where the victim carries the blame. What I try to do is take the sexuality out of rape and show it as an act of violent domination."

Kapur reckons that Devi has been smart in milking the media, particularly the urban Indian media. Having never clapped eyes on Devi, they turned her into a raven-haired, blue-eyed, Amazonian beauty, when she is, in fact, small and rather unremarkable. But what makes her stand out, says Kapur, is that "she is the woman who did not accept the consequences of shame and humiliation when she was raped. She rejected being the second sex.

"The film doesn't romanticise her. We do not justify what she did, or suggest that taking violent revenge is the answer. What makes her *interesting is that she fought* back. Why? Because there was a quirk in her character, a rebelliousness. This happens to millions of Indian women, who don't fight back."

JOE JOSEPH

● Bandit Queen *is reviewed tomorrow, and released on Friday*

JAZZ: Sublime sounds come in different sizes from Westbrook and Weber

One big band deserves a solo

Towards the end of the sell-out concert featuring his 20-piece big band, **Mike Westbrook** thanked his audience at the Blackheath Concert Halls for the quality of its attention to what he described as "this wonderful music".

In cold print, this might seem immodest, since the 58-year-old composer had himself written much of the three hours' worth of music his band had just performed, but it was patently obvious at the time that he was merely expressing his heartfelt gratitude, not only to the band which had played so magnificently, but also to its listeners for their contribution to a memorable evening.

During much of the concert — when he wasn't actually playing the piano or conducting — Westbrook effectively transformed himself into an audience member, sitting, eyes shut, on his piano stool, luxuriating in the sound of his orchestra.

And well he might, for it was quite superb, whether playing selections from *On Duke's Birthday*, Westbrook's suite dedicated to the memory of his chief inspiration Duke Ellington; providing tastefully exuberant versions of big-band classics such as Lionel Hampton's *Flying Home*; or leavening the mix by collaborating with singer Kate Westbrook on songs taken from full-length Westbrook works such as *The Cortège* and *London Bridge is Broken Down*.

Although the spirit of Ellington infuses the suite dedicated to him, the actual music is unmistakeably — indeed vintage — Westbrook. Beginning the concert with *Checking in at Hotel Le Prieure* and revisiting other parts of the work throughout the evening, Westbrook's orchestra not only faithfully reproduced all its subtleties — its affectingly wistful cadences, its plush muted brass arrangements — but also joyously exploited its vivacious energy, whether through straightforwardly virtuosic soloing or roaring ensemble work.

The classics — among them Ellington's *It Don't Mean a Thing ... Creole Love Call* and *East Saint Louis Toodle-Oo*, along with Neal Hefti's gently romantic *Li'l Darlin'* — were so faultlessly played, and went down so well with the Blackheath audience, that it seems safe to assert that Westbrook could make quite a decent living simply pushing the pleasure buttons of big-band nostalgia.

But, as his career amply demonstrates — he has produced a body of work embracing everything from opera through settings of Kate Westbrook's song cycles to jazz suites and cabaret — he is, luckily for all lovers of innovative and original music, thoroughly committed to maintaining his reputation as the UK's foremost jazz composer.

Anybody who has doubts about the ability of a bassist playing solo to attract and retain an audience's interest has clearly never been exposed to a performance by 55-year-old Stuttgart-born virtuoso **Eberhard Weber**.

Playing a specially designed five-string instrument, and utilising an electronic delay/echo machine capable of feeding, say, five-second musical passages back to him, he has, in his own words, "dragged the instrument out of that murky cellar" where it is capable of producing "only *dark, low tones*", and enabled himself to "invent, add on, underlay and fade out a vast array of sounds, rhythms, notes or chords, according to the inspiration of the moment".

The result of this innovatory approach is Weber's much vaunted "bass as orchestra", easily capable — as he proved to a sell-out Queen Elizabeth Hall — of leaving an audience still demanding encores after more than 90 minutes of music. Typically, he will begin a piece by laying down a foundation — which can range from a drone to a repeated rhythmic or melodic figure — and then improvising over it.

Thus, in *Pendulum* — the title track of his 1993 solo ECM album — he established backing tracks ranging from the startlingly deep, long-sustained booms associated with faraway underground explosions to lightly plucked harmonics. Over them he then played either fingered solos which exploited his celebrated gift for creating unashamedly romantic melodies, steeped in plangent melancholy, or used a bow to produce a variety of skittering high notes and unusual, abrasive textures.

In *Delirium*, another selection from the same album, Weber laid down a D-note drone (hence the tune's punning title) and, after bowing a brief but eerily atmospheric improvisation over it, used his fingers to produce a resonant, singing sound somewhat reminiscent of that produced by the late Jaco Pastorius.

On a few tunes — notably a rollicking piece, *Just A Moment*, described as "silly but difficult" by Weber — he would rely solely on real-time playing of propulsive energy to generate interest, or delve into the jazz historical repertoire of the instrument, from simple walking basslines to contemporary hammered funk effects.

But it was the intensely lyrical compositions such as *Children's Song No 1* which his audience had clearly come to hear, and Weber, as consummate an entertainer as he is a uniquely gifted bassist, didn't get where he is today by disappointing his audiences.

CHRIS PARKER

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

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INDIAN INK: First night of previews for Felicity Kendal, Margaret Tyzack and Art Malik in Tom Stoppard's new play, set in unknowable India in 1930 and a Shepperton bungalow today. Peter Wood directs.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (0171-416 6003). From tonight, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Feb 27.

BEARING FRUIT: Deborah Paige directs five short plays by women, commissioned to open the Hampstead's 1995 season. The authors are Hanan Al-Shaykh, Helen Edmundson, Lavinia Murray, Meredith Oakes and Sara Sugarman.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Opens tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

VISIONS OF PARADISE: The London Sinfonietta adds another performance to the myriad Michael Tippett birthday celebrations. Tonight's programme of the composer's *Songs for Dov* and Concerto for Orchestra also features the world premiere of David Sawer's commission, *The greatest happiness principle*.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm.

RICHMOND: The multi-award winning Shared Experience Theatre turns its talents to George Eliot's **The Mill on the Floss** this season. Nancy Meckler and Polly Teale direct.
Richmond, The Green (0181-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat today and Sat, 2.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

CREWE: The Birmingham Stage Company launches a new tour of **George's Marvellous Medicine**, Roald Dahl's "fizztickling fun" story about a young boy who makes a medicine to cure his grandmother of her terrifying temper. Perfect timing for half-term antics.
Lyceum, Heath Street (01270 537333). Today, 10am and 1.30pm; Thurs and Fri, 1.30 and 7pm; Sat, 2.30 and 7pm. Next stop, **Brighton** (01273 685861).

BASINGSTOKE: The Haymarket opens a new season with the world premiere of Angela Huth's **The Trouble with Old Lovers**. Robert Chetwyn directs the story, set in high summer, of an unexpected dinner guest acting the part, as it were, of a fox in the chicken coop.
Haymarket, Wote Street (01256 465566). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sats and Mar 1, 3pm. Until Mar 4.

POOLE: Mikhail Pletnev embarks on a whistle-stop programme with the **Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra** tonight. Elgar's *Falstaff* and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 in B minor, *Pathétique* will be performed here tonight, then in Exeter tomorrow and Southampton on Friday.
Wessex Hall, Poole Arts Centre (0202 685222). **Exeter** (0392 211080); **Southampton** (01703 632601). All at 7.30pm.

YORK: Violinist Chantal Juillet joins Owain Arwel Hughes and the **Hallé Orchestra** for tonight's programme of works by Wagner, James MacMillan, Delius, Bruch and Sibelius. They all move on to Cardiff on Friday for more Wagner and Sibelius, plus Tchaikovsky.
Minster (01904 644194). **Cardiff** (01222 371236). Both at 7.30pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638 4141) . . . **British Museum**: Chinese Arms and Armour, final day (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld**: Frank Dobson, Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . . **Hayward**: Yves Klein (071-928 3144) . . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . . **Richard Pigan**: Poussin Before Rome (0171-930 0020) . . . **Royal Academy**: Nicolas Poussin (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine**: Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate**: Works on Paper: Gainsborough to the Pre-Raphaelites (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Streetstyle (0171-938 8500)

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Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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◪ **CELL MATES**: Rik Mayall and Stephen Fry play Sean Bourke and George Blake, the very odd couple together in Wormwood Scrubs and Moscow. Simon Gray directs his own play.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). Previews tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm.

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE**: Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **DESIGN FOR LIVING**: Rupert Graves and Marcus D'Amico join Rachel Weisz for the transfer of Sean Mathias's awardwinning Donmar production of Coward's *menage à trois* comedy.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5065). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 20.

☐ **FULL MOON**: Jon Strickland plays the hero of Caradog Prichard's powerful and haunting semi-autobiographical novel, set in the slatemine districts of North Wales. Helena Kaut-Howson's Theatr Clwyd production comes to London after a sell-out tour.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. Until Mar 4.

☐ **THE LIBERTINE**: Stephen Jeffreys's excellent portrait of the life and times of the rakehell Earl of Rochester. In repertoire with *The Man of Mode*; Max Stafford-Clark directs.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm. Final week.

☐ **THE LIVE BED SHOW**: Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6.30pm and 8.45pm.

◪ **MAMA I WANT TO SING**: The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical; based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

◪ **MYSTERY BRUISES**: The fifth of Ken Campbell's quintet of lunatic solo shows: exploding black holes, parallel universes and the Grand Theory of verything.
King's Head, 115 Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 3.30pm. Until Mar 5.

☐ **OUT OF A HOUSE WALKED A MAN**: Theatre de Complicite breathes life into the mysterious tales of Daniil Kharms. The best is the corpse (Kathryn Hunter) who won't agree to be buried.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm.

◪ **THE PRESENT**: Nick Ward returns to the theatre with a play set in Australia at the time of John Lennon's murder, where Ewen Bremner's Danny falls foul of a con man, a beautiful sculptress and her predatory minder.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-743 3388). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Fri, 7pm.

◪ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA**: Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE VENETIAN TWINS**: Michael Bogdanov's knockabout production loses some of Goldoni's comedy. David Troughton plays both twins.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm; Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm.

◪ **THE YIDDISH TROJAN WOMEN**: Maria Charles plays the forgetful, memory-full grandmother in a strong Brooklyn drama, now comic, now tragic, about looking away from bad things.
Cockpit, Gateforth Street, NW8 (0171-402 5081). Tonight-Sun, 8pm, mat Sun, 4pm.

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DALLAS DOLL (18): Golf guru Sandra Bernhard liberates the Sydney suburbs. A botched affair; writer-director Ann Turner.
Metro (071-437 0757)

HEAVENLY CREATURES (18): Strange, fatal friendship of two New Zealand teenagers. Compelling, imaginative, true-life drama from director Peter Jackson.
Gate (0171-727 4043) **Lumiere** (0171-836 0691) **MGM Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Renoir** (0171-837 8402) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366)

SOLITAIRE FOR 2 (15): Body-language lecturer pursues archaeologist with ESP. Awkward comedy from "Pig Farmer" co-director Gary Sinyor. With Mark Frankel and Amanda Pays.
MGM Trocadero (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STAR TREK: GENERATIONS** (PG): Talky but acceptable film debut for the stars of television's *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. Patrick Stewart's Captain Picard meets William Shatner's Kirk. Director, David Carson.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGM Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

CURRENT

BARCELONA (12): Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

EAT DRINK MAN WOMAN (PG): Delectable mosaic of Taipei family life from the director of *The Wedding Banquet*, Ang Lee.
Chelsea (0171-351 3742) **Curzon West End** (0171-369 1722)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **LEON** (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins, Bridget Fonda, Matthew Broderick. Director, Alan Parker.
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs.
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◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; Roland Emmerich directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** (0171-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** (0171-792 3332) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

THEATRE: Seething evil and gore in Greenwich; saxophones and fantasy in Nottingham

Taking a risk with the duchess

DONALD COOPER



Unhappy family: Juliet Stevenson with Simon Russell Beale (left) and Robert Demeger as her brothers

The Duchess of Malfi
Greenwich

Shaw dubbed Webster "the Tussaud laureate", an accusation Philip Franks seems to acknowledge at the opening of his revival of *The Duchess of Malfi*. Ladies and gents in gorgeous Tudor costumes are seen posing as if for one of those waxworks you find at Hever and other commercially smart stately homes. Then a steward biffs a staff on the floor, and the figures instantly come to something remarkably like life. The acknowledgement becomes a wry snook cocked at the shade of GBS.

Franks earns his little joke, too, for with Juliet Stevenson and Simon Russell Beale in the cast, life is never too far away. London Dungeon horrors occur, as they must. A woman's brother gives her what she thinks is his hand, and it turns out to be a bit of severed corpse. A cardinal gets a tiresome mistress to kiss a prayer-book, and she promptly expires of the all-purpose Jacobean toxin he has smeared on it. There are garrottings and stabbings and what, in this production, is a rather cursory invasion by madmen. But mostly the evening is tense and charged enough for us to suspend disbelief.

Note I said "mostly". The production needs attention before it moves to the West End, as its producers plan. For instance, the Duchess declares at the end that she is glad to die "so I were out of your whispering". Franks prepares for this by regularly projecting the sound of susurration from behind the bleak green panels and doors of Tom Piper's set; but at present the effect is less to intensify a sinister, conspiratorial atmosphere than to suggest that the stage management is doing bad steam-engine imitations. Again, should anyone illicitly fancied by Juliet Stevenson be quite as mild, calm, and lacking in electricity as Joe Dixon's Antonio?

Still, Stevenson herself is on her way to giving a fine performance. Rightly, she sees that a Renaissance duchess who marries her steward against her powerful brothers' wishes would not be as dewily innocent as past actresses have sometimes suggested. Stevenson's Malfi has some of her siblings' wilfulness, plus a love of risk, even a recklessness all her own.

She goes on to give us the character's joy, pain, and courage in adversity, if not yet her full desperation. Interestingly, the actress does not fill the famous line, "I am Duchess of Malfi still", with deathbed dignity or ringing defiance. From Stevenson, faced as she is by her executioner, it is more human than usual: an exhausted admission of an identity she would not mind shedding.

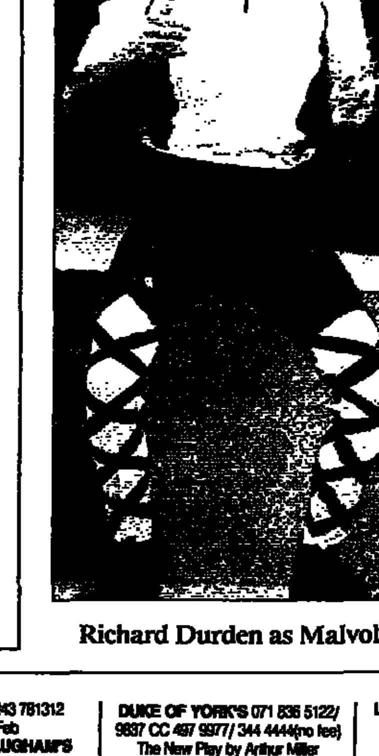
Her murderous brothers are Robert Demeger, an El Greco cardinal retooled by Bacon, and Russell Beale. I'm not sure the latter's Ferdinand should make as relatively understated a descent into full-blown lycanthropy (he's "much distracted"?) as he does; but there is no doubting his sweatily incestuous obsession with his sister or the seething violence she provokes in him. Nor, come to that, is there any doubting the parallel bitterness of the brothers' pet spy and assassin. Bosola has spent seven years in the galleys for a killing not yet rewarded, and you can tell how Robert Glenister, who plays him, feels about that and lots else. He pants, palpitates, boils with rage. He jerks from outstretched hands as from adders. His teeth seem permanently bared, as do his eyeballs.

He gets the character's injury, menace, and contempt for evil, but not yet the difficult thing, which is his capacity for pity. But that, too, may come with time.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Sixties midsummer madness

DONALD COOPER



Richard Durden as Malvolio

Twelfth Night
Nottingham Playhouse

ILLYRIA is out of this world: the realm of fancy. It is the territory of mourning and carousing and love, where workaday vision becomes blurred. Sebastian, surreally mistaken for his cross-dressing twin Viola/Cesario, muses: "Or I am mad, or else this is a dream."

Opera director David Pountney's bold staging, on his theatrical debut, has Illyria as a land of modern art. Huntley/Muir, the design team, allude eclectically to abstract and Pop artists. Viola, shipwrecked and kissed back into consciousness by a Mercury-like Captain, finds herself on a seashore of sculptures and primary colours.

To her left, there is a striped cylinder: the bottom of a lighthouse; possibly phallic. To her right, there is a Robert Morris-style dolmen, scarlet, with a narrowing cleft: a doorway or eroded rock; vaguely female. Confounding exterior and interior, there is a Hockney swimming pool, on the beach but full of pillows.

This is the 1960s. Traditionally, Twelfth Night is the time for Lords of Misrule and social transgression. Here, Brian Capron's Feste wears rebel-youth winklepickers and carries a sax. Campbell Morrison's Toby Belch reels in plimsolls like a boozing schoolboy, or an expatriate on some Greek island refusing to grow up.

They are partying until all hours. But the employees of Olivia and Orsino are liveried like government department staff. Richard Durden's Malvolio, before he goes on to show his wild side, is seen as an Anthony Bluntish civil servant, looking down disdainfully on Toby's debauchery, his brogues polished with a fastidiousness from the 1950s.

Illyria does not keep strict time. *Twelfth Night* is a May morning of midsummer madness, and the 1960s merge with the 1920s. There are hints of Mondrian. Sebastian arrives in a Jazz Age double-breasted suit. Olivia is carried away, having started as a sober Edwardian stuck in the past, lamenting her late brother.

Pountney's piece is also contemporary in its startlingly illuminating exploration of bisexuality. Orsino (Tony Armatrading) is strongly attracted to Cesario. Olivia kisses Viola intensely, and Viola responds. Even as they find husbands, they truly love each other.

The women are wonderful in this production. Rebecca Egan's slim-limbed, determined Viola is effortlessly boyish and simultaneously a supermodel. Resting her hand on her hip, is she a 1990s girl in a man's suit, or a boy with the effeminate flair of the 1960s/1920s? Olivia, falling for woman and man, comes from Woolf's era.

Occasionally, the updating is gimmicky, and it gets in trouble with talk of rapiers. Christopher Good's Aguecheek is comic: cutting a caper like a manqué Mick Jagger. But some of the men are awkward: Durden, uncomfortable in cross-gartered biker Lycra; Capron's Feste neither anarchic nor singing with assurance.

This Illyria can be short on fun and threat. The set is a million miles from romantic orchards and gardens: its syntax is not that of iambic lyricism. However, Pountney's young people are full of passion. And John Harle's saxophone, accompanying footage of slow-crashing surf, is piercingly beautiful: at once sexy, menacing and overflowing with sadness.

KATE BASSETT

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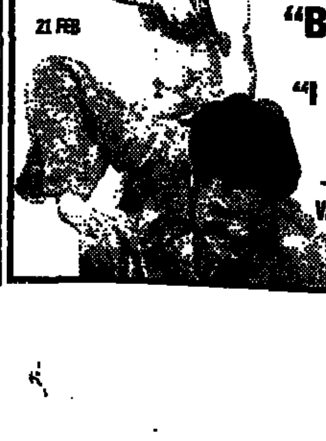
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Truk arrives with shock absorbers

RADIO: After all the hype about shock-jocks, **Peter Barnard** finds Talk Radio UK aiming to be more BBC than the Beeb

The compilers of Trivial Pursuit will want to know that the answer is 6.26am, assuming that the question is: at what time did Britain's first national commercial talk station receive its first call from a listener?

Dave was his name and he wished to say: "I can never understand why people celebrate St Valentine's Day, right? Because there was a massacre on that day, right?"

At this point, 26 minutes into the life of Talk Radio UK (Truk), the saying about nobody ever going broke by under-estimating the intelligence of the British public flashed into my mind. In fairness, there probably are members of the video generation who think that yesterday was named after the massacre in the same way that the man who came down from the mountain with the ten commandments was called Cecil B. De Mille.

Six hours of continuous listening may be no basis for a definitive judgment of Truk but it can be said that the gap between hype and reality has not been so large since John Major announced that he intended to govern the country.

Far from being controversial and provocative, on the evidence of its opening half-day, Truk is banal and predictable. We are promised outrageous material from, among others, Caesar the Geezer in a late-night slot, but I heard Caeser's live test transmission the night before the launch. He spent a lot of time saying "I love you" to callers and only became "controversial" when he told someone working for the station to "bugger off". Wow.

But back, or forward, to the morning show, which is called *The Dish* and runs from 6 to 10am. *Today* it ain't. The presenters are Samantha Meah and Sean Bolger, the latter a former Channel 4 continuity announcer.

Much of the show consists of Sean and Samantha talking to each other, for example about the vexed question of a single currency. Sean favours a single currency provided the Queen's head stays on British coins but Samantha is not so sure: "Why not David Bowie's head?"

There is news, weather and traffic every half hour, but all of these added together occupy a fraction of the time devoted to an interview with a man who owns a chocolate shop: "Chocolate is not fattening . . . except mass-produced chocolate."

There are also time checks, but these are woven into the fabric of the show: "Cathartic, that's a big word for ten past seven in the morning", and "I can't be dealing with all this at twenty past eight in the morning".

No politicians intrude, and apart from the non-fat chocolate man and interviews with other Truk presenters and some callers, there are few outside voices.

Truk is intended to appeal to the 25 to 45-year-olds. If it does, at least in the early morning when talk radio is supposed to be strongest, then one must seriously worry about whether that age group is ever to be properly informed.

But let us beware of having no truck with Truk, for Scott Chisholm's three-hour programme starting at 10am promises to be "more fibre than fruit" (to invert one of Truk's dismal slogans). Chisholm, the combative former Sky News presenter, shows little sign of being the kind of far-right "shock-jock" which Truk's publicity promises — or threatens — and was commendably calm in raising the issue of Euro immigration yesterday.

Trouble is, the better it got, the less it resembled what Truk supposedly sets out to be. The publicity attacked everything from the BBC's middle-class agenda to the BBC's middle-class voices, yet there are twice as many regional accents among *Today* presenters as there are on *The Dish*. Chisholm's voice is pure Radio 4, Dr David Starkey, coming on Saturdays, is, and sounds like, an academic, and so on.

So the real distinguishing marks of Truk are that there is little variety of programme format and you can phone it up, all day long. Is that enough?



Caesar the Geezer: he loves you

Is the contest test or con?

ARCHITECTURE: The Cardiff Opera House shambles could become par for the course, says **Marcus Binney**

For five years the refrain has been the same: if Britain wants better buildings it must have more architectural competitions. Yet no sooner are the competitions under way than cries of "foul" are heard on every side.

At Cardiff there was outrage that a publicly announced winner was forced to compete anew against other finalists. Even though Zaha Hadid has now been reconfirmed as winner, the fierce local opposition to her plans for the new opera house looks set to continue. At Windsor Castle, meanwhile, the losers are up in arms because their designs have not been given full showing alongside the chosen design. One of them, Roderick Gradidge, has just held his own personal "Salon de Refusées" at the Art Workers Guild in London.

In one sense, this is merely a predictable replay of the squabbling over competitions for the Foreign Office and the Law Courts in the 19th century, which eventually brought the whole system into disrepute. In another way, however, it is a real abuse of architects' time and talent.

Yet the squabbling is bound to grow as both EU rules and National Lottery guidelines demand more and more competitions. Architect Ian Ritchie says: "In Britain we have been invited to enter just two competitions in the past 15 years. Suddenly it's mushroomed to eight in the past four months."

The cost of entering a large number of competitions can be crippling: a good architectural model can cost as much as £20,000. On the Continent it is usual to pay finalists a fee. In Britain this is rarely so, though Windsor Castle was a significant exception.

Moreover, too many competitions appear to be just window-dressing. The client may already have decided on a name, probably a big one if lottery funds are crucial to the project. Recently, Sir Norman Foster has won the British Musuem competition, Sir Richard Rogers the South Bank and Sir Michael Hopkins the Manchester City Art Gallery extension. Other entrants are left wondering if they ever had a chance.

The architects Evans and Shalev have competed in 33 competitions, winning eight and coming second in 12. It is a golden record, but their reward is just four buildings. "We are never going to do another competition," Eldred Evans said after the Manchester result.

Basically, there are two kinds of competition: open and invited. Open competitions provide the all-important first opportunity for young talent. The underlying principle is that all compete on equal terms. However, things go wrong — as they did at Cardiff — when the client tries to beef up the competition by inviting in big names halfway through the selection process.

The main purpose of competitions, you might think, is to produce winners. But clients can be unhappy with juries' choices. For this reason, one type of Royal Institute of British Architects competition allows the client to choose the architect from a shortlist of three put forward unranked by the jury. Equally, the Cardiff Bay Opera House Trust was within its rights, for all the furore, to turn to the runners-up under the rules. The mistake lay in announcing a winner before everyone involved in financing and supporting the project had agreed upon the choice.

History demonstrates that competitions only work if the client is not only bound by the result but happy with it. The client must be convinced that the design will function well, that it can be built on time and on budget, that there will be a good working relationship with the architect and that the proposals will gain the all-important planning approval.

The client must have a strong presence on the panel of assessors. The Tate's ten assessors for its Bankside development included the director Nicholas Serota, three past and present trustees, and Joan Bakewell for the Friends of the Tate. As a result, the Tate's chairman, Dennis Stevenson, was able to state categorically that there was no question of Cardiff-style shenanigans.

The National Lottery introduces a new dimension to competitions. It is the public's own money that is being spent, and many lottery projects will also be dependent on further local fundraising. So it is crucial that the organisers can carry local opinion. In fact, the public has never been so clearly the client as well as the consumer.

Fear of public opinion is based on the idea that the public at large is "Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells", manically opposed to anything novel, adventurous or unusual. Yet Cardiff shows the opposite is the case. Both the alternative designs, by Nicoletti and Hasegawa, are at least as futuristic as those by Hadid.

Richard Rogers's design for the National Gallery extension was at once the most popular and unpopular with the public, and might actually have been built if the president of RIBA at the time, Owen Luder, had not claimed that it was simply raising two fingers to London.

Competitions also run much more smoothly if, as at Bankside, the main purpose is to choose an architect, not a design. John Outram has decided this is the way to go. "I no longer do quantities of beautifully finished drawings. Clients choose the architects they like as people. I prefer the beauty-contest approach where they simply interview you and look at your buildings."

Jesus College, Cambridge, recently adopted a variant of this approach. Initially the college wrote to 30 architects. Six were chosen for further study and the selection committee visited the architects in their offices to interview them. Two finalists were chosen and were paid a fee to draw up a detailed scheme while the committee visited their buildings. This way, the client has a genuine choice and nobody is left feeling aggrieved or exploited at the end.

HUW EVANS


Zaha Hadid was forced to compete twice with her design for the new Cardiff Opera House

CLASSICAL CONCERT

Better tunes than Darwin

The Creation
Covent Garden

JUDGING from his greatest work, Haydn must have had a personality rather like that of Voltaire's Candide. *The Creation* depicts the best of all possible worlds. God is shown to be creating it for man's pleasure. Therefore, the oratorio suggests, man's chief pleasure should be to return the compliment by praising God to the best of his ability.

Which, in Haydn's case, was considerable. From the ravishing depiction of the first sunrise to the flatulent trombone and contrabassoon rasps that announce the arrival of the big cats and the creepy-crawlies, from the extraordinary, visionary harmonies of the opening Representation of Chaos to the blazing fervour of the big choruses, *The Creation* is the textbook *par excellence* of 18th-century orchestral possibilities. No wonder that when the dying Haydn tottered into a Viennese concert hall to hear his *Creation* for one last time, his rebellious former pupil Beethoven rushed forward and kissed the old master.

No doubts, no moral dilemmas, no sins (original or otherwise) cloud *The Creation*. Even in those pre-Darwinian days such a literal delight in the Book of Genesis must have been rare. Significantly, the story stops before Eve's momentous chat with the serpent — as though the old man Haydn, reading the Bible to children, suddenly closes the book and says: "you can find out how the story ends when you grow up".

Yet the work is enthralling and joyous rather than patronising. "It was not I but a power above who created it," Haydn said. When *The Creation* is given a performance as invigorating as John Eliot Gardiner's (sponsored by British Gas and PPP) the listener is inclined to agree.

Not everything was admirable. The tenor Michael Schade has a lovely timbre, but he seemed to be singing more for the microphone (the performance was connected with a Deutsche Grammophon recording project) than for the stalls. The placing of the soloists behind the orchestra didn't help. Similarly, the women of the splendidly precise Monteverdi Choir occasionally failed to cut through the orchestral sound, though the tenors and basses were in rampant mood.

But these were small quibbles when set beside the overriding confidence, exuberance and intelligence of Gardiner's reading. Most impressive was the stunningly assured playing on period instruments (including a lush-sounding fortepiano for the recitatives) by the English Baroque Soloists, in a score that tests nearly everybody's onomatopoeic virtuosity. Gardiner generally took a brisk and bouncy view, especially of the choruses which rejoiced in brassy rhythmic verve, yet detail after detail leapt vividly from the page.

Then there were Sylvia McNair's soprano solos. In some repertoire on the wrong evening she can sound laidback to the point of drowsiness. But here she used the flutey side of her voice to perfection in the "birds" aria, and her effortless cadenzas seemed like something straight out of the Garden of Eden. Gerald Finlay's warm, humorous and well-focused characterisation of the parts of Raphael and Adam capped the evening's many pleasures.

RICHARD MORRISON

OPERA: Students oversteppe the mark, and in Russian

Serving a bit of a borscht

The Fair at Sorochintsi
Royal College of Music

THERE are one or two odd things about the London Royal Schools' vocal faculty's production of Mussorgsky's rustic comedy, *The Fair at Sorochintsi*. First, it is sung in Russian (three English translations exist). Perhaps the students, downhearted at the decline in work prospects here, are all planning to apply for jobs in Russian opera houses, not having been warned that things are even worse there. That their mentors should concentrate on helping them sing their own language to audiences who understand it would of course be too obvious and banal a course of action.

Doubtless regular audiences at the RCM are all fluent in Russian, but I should warn any less priviliged outsiders that they will have a pretty thin time of it, especially in a second act that is all words. The probability of their not having a clue about what is going on will be increased by Keith Warner's old-fashioned production, of the flying bedstead tendency.

Mussorgsky's opera is based on one of Gogol's Dikanka tales, but the curtain rises on what might be a semi in Accrington. Little girl is ill in bed, attended by doctor; someone gives her a book of Ukrainian folk tales; bed flies up in the air, and Marie-Jeanne Lecca's pleasingly Chagally decor is temporarily revealed. But little girl's parents are played throughout as Andy Capp and Florrie in the semi instead of Cherevik and Khivrya in the Ukraine. Enough, already — this is all silly beyond words.

But musically there are rich rewards. This is Mussorgsky's most lyrical score, at least in Tcherepnin's completion, full of gorgeous tunes for the young lovers (I mean doctor and patient) and rumbustious comedy, at times suggesting a Russian Offenbach.

The only problem, for about 20 minutes in Act II, is just how funny drunks are, and I suppose Mussorgsky should know (that is below the belt, but my patience was sorely tested, admittedly by Warner rather than Mussorgsky).

The greatest single pleasure was the seraphic smile on the face of Gennadi Rozhdestvensky as he drew playing from the RCM Opera Orchestra of such confidence and accomplishment that one scarcely believed they were students.

There are some promising singers: Aled Hall, a free-toned, mellifluous tenor hero; Tómas Tómasson as the father, a rich, closely focused bass who sang unsparingly loudly; Paul Robinson, a baritone with a real feel for musical phrase as one of the drunks. As the heroine, Fiona MacDonald concentrated on volume at the expense of steadiness and roundness of tone — she shouldn't.

RODNEY MILNES

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TIPPETT FESTIVAL: The Nash Ensemble at Cripplegate, and the Triple Concerto at the Barbican

Songs from Shakespeare

MUSIC for Shakespeare was contrasted with music for a school celebration in another of the early-evening programmes at St Giles, Cripplegate, associated with the Barbican's Tippett festival. The Nash Ensemble was conducted by Andrew Parrott, who, with Roger Savage, devised a new sequence from the incidental music and songs that Tippett wrote for a production of *The Tempest* at the Old Vic in 1962 — now with the title *To the Elements be Free!*

These words come from Prospero's farewell to Ariel at the end of the play, and it is that "tricksy spirit" whose lines mostly serve to link the music, which includes the three *Songs for Ariel* which Tippett published separately. They were sung with clarity and grace by the tenor Charles Daniels, while actor Simon Russell Beale spoke the text between and occasionally over the music.

Once or twice the length of speeches in a work now lasting some 35 minutes threatened to overbalance music which — the songs apart — was never more than fragmentary. In the scoring for wind instruments with harp, harpsichord and percussion, it was all pleasantly diverting without achieving much feeling of substance except in the masque-music.

This was preceded by *Crown of the Year*, a cantata for female voices, composed for the 1958 centenary of Badminton School, Bristol. Christopher Fry's poetic conceit of verses relating to four queens, from the first Elizabeth to the second, and to the four seasons, prompted Tippett to a decorative musical setting in which style and sentiment are ingeniously related.


Tippett: still celebrating

Catherine King's mezzo singing of the "Autumn" verse was notably warm and eloquent after she had been joined by soprano Judith Rees in the duet for "Summer". The New London Chamber Choir, here represented by 16 female voices, brought both sensitivity and assurance to the rest.

NOEL GOODWIN

At ease in paradise

THE paradise vision of the Triple Concerto began this instalment in the London Symphony Orchestra's survey, for his 90th birthday, of the work of Sir Michael Tippett. When, next week, we hear the world premiere of his latest and by all accounts last orchestral piece, *The Rose Lake*, will we witness such rapture in song and sound, such rampant celebration? This work, from 1980, is Tippett's finest instrumental achievement, a potent marriage of medium and message which collects ideas and impulses as if pebbles on a beach, and assembles and disperses them in a brilliant and impressive mosaic.

In many ways, I thought as I listened to this marvellous performance, the work functions technically through the tensions of extreme opposites and primarily through the interplay of motion and stasis. None of Tippett's music seems more static or more lovely than the gorgeously indulgent slow movement, which evokes the sounds of the gamelan and so offers a perspective of time quite different from that usual among Westerners. But there are other contrasts; that of orchestra and soloists is emphasised by soloistic passages of quasi-improvisatory lyricism and by "pairings off" between various soloists and orchestral instruments — again a timeless freedom within a time-defined structure. Tautness comes from the opposition of Tippett's tangy, twisty contrapuntal writing and his bold, fanfarish statements, although the one often leads imperceptibly into the other.

All this the composer contains within a seamless fast-slow-fast sequence linked by two Interludes, which work like the "dissolves" in his opera *The Knot Garden*, magically taking day into night into the glorious, exuberant day of a finale that closes by fragmenting in celebration.

Like Beethoven, Tippett writes music that represents his philosophy. Despite his sometimes convoluted verbal musings, it is not very complex: it is one of love for Man and for what this beautiful world is or could be.

Sir Colin Davis conducted a fine reading, gritty but sure-footed and, where necessary, beautifully rich, which gave the lie to the old chestnut of Tippett's music approaching technical unfeasibility. The three soloists, Alexander Barantschik, Edward Vanderspar and Moray Welsh, combined personality with a natural sympathy for their colleagues.

After the interval, Elgar's First Symphony, was, in Davis's hands, of immense power and vision — as carefully paced, glorious and insightful as his Sibelius.

STEPHEN PETTITT

Cup replay reduces England to sideshow

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE *entente* between England and France has become unusually cordial now the visitors find themselves facing virtually reserve opposition and in the unusual position of being slight favourites for tonight's rugby league international at Gateshead.

Nine *Rosbifs* will be otherwise occupied at Knowsley Road, because the Silk Cut Challenge Cup fourth-round replay between St Helens and Wigan takes precedence over the John Smith's European championship — itself a contrivance but nevertheless a worthwhile addition to a sparse international calendar.

With parochialism so entrenched in the sport, such embarrassments are no surprise but it still seems incredible that they are tolerated. It is a fact, too, that whereas the ground at St Helens will be filled to its 17,000 capacity, officials will be content with a crowd a third that size at Gateshead.

Until country comes before club, as in rugby union and cricket, what hope is there for international rugby league? In robbing Peter to pay Paul, the Rugby Football League has countenanced the very self-interest it is hoping to stop at today's meeting of club chairmen.

Tonight's international is overshadowed by a match which illustrates where rugby league's strength and priorities lie.

St Helens have already ended Wigan's winning run of 36 Challenge Cup games — the holders were within nine minutes of going out last Saturday before escaping with a draw — and there is a widespread feeling that they might have missed their best chance.

It seems highly unlikely that Wigan, winners for the past seven years, can play in such a disjointed manner again or that a St Helens side well below full strength because of injuries can rediscover the peaks of skill and commitment they showed at Central Park. "Some people reckon we've blown it," Eric Hughes, the St Helens' coach, said yesterday. "But all three games with Wigan this season have been so close that they could have gone either way."

The clash of fixtures has divided opinion on the Sheffield Eagles' coaching staff. Gary Hetherington, the England assistant coach, says the withdrawals are a shame. Glen Knight, Hetherington's assistant at Sheffield, who is helping the French team, said they had greatly improved his side's prospects.

France will field a stronger team than the one that lost three months ago to Australia by 74-0 — a record international defeat. Daniel Divet, in the second row, and the backs, Patrick Entat, Frederic Banquet and Laurent Lucchese, are England-based players, who bring quality to the side as well as insight into the strengths and weaknesses of the opposition.

A French victory would mean a championship decider against Wales at Carcassonne on March 5. By fielding eight newcomers, and three players who have appeared only once on the international stage, Ellery Hanley, the England coach, has taken the opportunity to look towards the 1996 tour of Australia rather than this October when, mercifully, the Centenary World Cup will take precedence over any domestic considerations.

ENGLAND: R Gay (Hull); I Butt (Featherstone), N Pinkney (Keighley), R Goddard (Castleford), F Cummins (Leeds); N Wright (Wakefield), D Fox (Bradford), S McNamara (Hull), L Jackson (Sheffield), P Broadbent (Sheffield), S Holgate (Workington), S Baldwin (Halifax), D Powell (Sheffield, captain) Substitutes: S McDurne (Widnes), M Hilton (Warrington), A Smith (Castleford), J Bentley (Halifax)

FRANCE: L Lucchese (Sheffield); J-M Garcia (St Estève), S Millet (St Gaudens), F Banquet (Featherstone), C Sirvent (St Gaudens) or P Bomati (XIII Catalan); D Despin (Limoux), P Entat (Leeds), F Tebaldo (Limoux), S Tena (XIII Catalan), K Jeavuo (Pia), D Divet (Featherstone), D Cabestany (XIII Catalan, captain), J Pech (Pia) Substitutes: E Attia (Cannes), L Herbert (Pia), P Ramondou (Parniers), Bomati or Sirvent.

Referee: J Anbaud (France)

Crazy custodians find insanity grows

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Goalkeepers are crazy. This has always been one of football's essential truths; it has even been the title of a book by Brian Glanville. Nobody has ever seriously denied it, not even goalkeepers. But things have changed.

The impossible has happened. Goalkeepers are now *even crazier*. Take the latest incident, with Kevin Pressman, of Sheffield Wednesday, sent off on Sunday for making a flying stop 25 yards or so from his goal.

You could see the poor fellow trying to will himself to take his hands away from the ball, but a goalkeeper's instincts run deep. No question, a picture of misery and repentance, he had to go.

Ten days ago, Tim Flowers, of Blackburn Rovers, got himself sent off after 90 seconds of the match against Leeds United for bringing down Brian Deane. He accepted the inevitable red card, and a broken toe, with some grace.

Nastier and crazier was the incident involving Mark Bosnich, of Aston Villa, who should have been sent off for his wild challenge on Jürgen Klinsmann, of Tottenham Hotspur. Bosnich was unpunished; Klinsmann concussed and out of the game.

This season, 27 Endsleigh Insurance League and FA Carling Premiership goalkeepers have been sent off, in all competitions. Five, including Pressman, have been sent off twice. It is as if goalkeepers, crazy to start with, have been infected with a new and dreadful madness, a devastating combination of overreaching ambition and pure desperation.

The back-pass rule has changed the patterns of goalkeeping, rather as credit cards have changed the ways of money-management. Credit cards tempt you to go raving mad, and to spend to the limit on every bit of plastic you can lay your hands on. People who have fallen into such a trap demand sympathy. The truth of the matter is that anyone can be tempted; it is not compulsory to yield.

It is not compulsory for a goalkeeper to start dribbling the ball, to receive the backpass and beat the onrushing forward with a flick of the hips, to march upfield with the ball at his feet. But time and again you see it.

Goalkeepers, as a matter of routine, walk the ball 20 yards out of the goal before clearing; they take free kicks 40 yards from goal also as routine. Defences in front of them "push up" and "hold the line", which means they play for offside.

Defences love to win offside decisions on the halfway line. When this plans fails and linesmen grant attackers the benefit of doubt, the goalkeeper is exposed. And out he must come.

It looks like tactical exposure: to a goalie, it feels like indecent exposure. Out of his area, the traditional goalkeeper felt horribly vulnerable: utterly naked. In his area, alone permitted the use of his hands, he was a flying godling. Once over the white line, he was Icarus: fallen, subject of ridicule and humiliation.

That, at any rate, is how the traditional goalkeeper saw life. Bruce Grobbelaar was at the forefront of the invention of modern goalkeeping: making the 'keeper more mobile, taking on the responsibilities of a sweeper when the back four was caught out.

But we are now in the age of the post-modern goalkeeper, in which every goalkeeper fancies himself as a sweeper, and not just in emergencies.

He is required by circumstances to make more and more forays, further and further from his line. He has become half an outfielder, half a goalie — an impossible contradiction.

You ask Pressman. The demands of post-modern goalkeeping require a goalkeeper to act in defiance of his own nature.

The traditional goalkeeper was the loner, the handball player among footballers, the man with the different coloured jumper and the different cast of mind. His job involved the heroics of shot-stopping, the stolid qualities of commanding his own penalty area. Precious to him was the notion of the Keeper's Ball, to be plucked from the air, as of right.

Under new definitions of the role, Pressman was forced to rush from his beloved goal to make an intervention. When the intervention failed to be decisive, he was left with nothing but desperation — the flapping hands and the shame of dismissal.

And on came the substitute 'keeper. The change in the law that allows a reserve goalie has helped to create the new style. Now not even the most awful goalkeeping recklessness brings a clown of an outfielder betwen the sticks.

With the substitute goalie, the goalkeeper has lost his uniqueness: with it, a crucial part of his role and of his self-image. The goalkeeper has lost his identity, and in trying to forge a new one, has created disaster and mayhem.

"I was less the keeper of a goal than the keeper of a secret," Vladimir Nabokov wrote. But changes in the game have stolen the secret.



Pressman, of Sheffield Wednesday, appeals in vain at Blackburn on Sunday. Photograph: Tony Marshall

IN BRIEF

Qualifier unable to trouble Durie

JO DURIE, of Britain, required only 55 minutes to reach the second round of the LTA women's satellite tennis tournament in Sunderland yesterday. Playing her first event since undergoing a fourth knee operation in December, she overcame a qualifier, Jinging Chen, from China, 6-2, 6-1.

Durie, who plans to bow out of full-time competition at Wimbledon this year, lost the first game but broke service five times on her way to victory.

Mandy Wainwright beat Detta Huber, of the United States, 6-3, 0-6, 7-6 but Michele Mair squandered a set and 4-2 lead as she went down 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 to Natasha Egorova, from Russia.

Syed leads way

Table tennis: Matthew Syed and Andrea Holt are the No 1 seeds for the English national championships at King's Lynn, from March 4 to 5. Syed is scheduled to face Chen Xinhua — the Chinese former World Cup winner based in Rotherham — in the men's final, and Holt is seeded to meet the holder, Lisa Lomas, in the women's decider.

SEEDINGS: Men: 1, M Syed (Berks); 2, Chen Xinhua (Yorks); 3, A Cooke (Derbys); 4, C Prean (IoW); 5 D Douglas (Warwicks); 6, A Eden (Lancs); 7, B Billington (Derbys); 8, C Oldfield (Yorks). Women: 1, A Holt (Lancs); 2, L Lomas (Beds); 3, A Gordon (Berks); 4, S Marling (Yorks); 5, N Deakin (Derbys); 6, K Goodall (Yorks); 7, L Radford (Essex); 8, H Lower (Staffs).

St Albans eager

Hockey: St Albans face opposition from Belgium, Croatia and Sweden in pool B of the European indoor club championship to be held at the Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, from Friday to Sunday (Sydney Friskin writes). Murray International Metals, from Scotland, and Avoca Mazda, from Ireland, are drawn in pool A. The pool winners and runners-up will qualify for the semi-finals. If St Albans win the tournament, the way will be clear for Old Loughtonians, the English champions, to play in the A division next year.

DRAW: Pool A: Murray International Metals (Scot), Lokomotiva Raca (Slovakia), Hockey Club Olten (Switz), Avoca Mazda (Ire). Pool B: St Albans (Eng), Royal White Star (Bel), HK Jedinstvo (Cro), Stockholm LHC (Swe).

MIDWEEK RENDEZVOUS

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GENTLEMEN

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Kafelnikov advances despite his lapses

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

YEVGENY KAFELNIKOV wasted numerous break points but still made short work of Karel Novacek yesterday in the first round of the Muratti Time indoor tennis tournament in Milan.

Kafelnikov, 20, the No 5 seed, beat Novacek, from the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2 at the Assago Forum to earn a second-round place against Karol Kucera, of Slovakia. The Russian, who has climbed to No 10 in the Association of Tennis Professionals rankings in his third season, displayed a strong service and precise backhand passing shots against Novacek, 29, who is ranked No 28 in the world.

Kafelnikov, a losing quarter-finalist against Andre Agassi in the Australian Open last month, dominated the match but seemed to lack concentration when he lost four games in which he was leading 40-0.

Two seeded players had fallen in earlier first-round matches and another, Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, seeded sixth, rallied from 2-3 in the third set against a qualifier, Jan Hendrik Davids, of Holland, to maintain his challenge. After losing a first-set tie-break 7-3, Korda forged a 6-7, 6-2, 6-3 victory.

Jason Stoltenberg, of Australia, the No 7 seed, was defeated by Aleksandr Volkov 6-2, 7-5, enabling the Russian to advance to a second-round match against Guy Forget, of France.

Boris Becker, the top seed, warmed up for his first-round match, against Lorenzo Manta, of Switzerland, today by playing a doubles match. He and Forget defeated the Spanish duo of Tomás Carbonell and Francisco Roig 6-1, 7-6.

Becker will be aiming for his fifth singles championship in Milan in nine years. The No 2 seed, Goran Ivanisevic, who was beaten by Becker in the Germany-Croatia Davis Cup match, and was an early loser in Dubai, opens his account today against Daniel Vacek, of the Czech Republic.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

Monday's results

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: West Ham United 2 Everton 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: AFC Lymington v Andover, BAT v Eastleigh.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Chelsea 2 Brighton 0. Millwall 2 Wimbledon 1.

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second round: Merthyr 2 Bamber Bridge 1, Ashton United 0 Macclesfield 5. Second round replay: Kidderminster Harriers 1 Kingstonian 0. Third round draw: Marine v Boreham Wood, Runcorn v Hyde United, Gateshead v Macclesfield Town, Farnborough Town or Rushden and Diamonds v Halesowen Town or Gusevage Borough v Woking or Cheltenham Town; Morecambe v Altrincham or VS Rugby, Enfield v Merthyr Tydfil

[] Ties to be played March 4

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Wolverhampton 1 Nottingham Forest 0. Second division: Newcastle 6 Preston 3; *Postponed:* Bradford v Barnsley: Mansfield v Burnley.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Hednesford Town 5 Burton 1. Postponed: Worcester v Dorchester.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton 1 Bishop's Stortford 2.

ATHLETICS

CHELMSFORD: Essex County 20-mile road race championship: 1, R Dzikowski (Woodford Green), 1 50.51; 2, R Gane (Colchester Joggers), 1.52.36, 3, G Heslop (Chelmsford), 1 54 47 Team: 1, Woodford Green, 23 points; 2, Colchester Joggers, 36, 3, Barking Runnors, 27 Women: 1, T Swendell (Thurrock Harriers), 2.05.29.

OLD COULSDON: Surrey League: First division: 5-mile cross-country: 1, A Passey (Balgrave Harriers), 26 52, 2, M Simpson (Hounslow), 29 58, 3, A Marriott (Hercules Wimbledon), 30 02 Team: 1, Aldershot, Farnham and District, 358 pts, 2, Herne Hill, 361; 3, Thames Here and Hounds, 373.

BIATHLON

ANTERSELVA, Italy: World championships: Men: 4 x 4 relay (10km): 1, Norway (D Bjoemdalen, F Andresen, H Hanevold, J A Tyldum) 30min 17 7sec,, 2, Czech Republic 30.57 8, 3, France 31 07 4. Women: 4 x 4 relay (7.5km): 1, Norway (E Knstiansen, A Skreland, G Margit Andreassen, A E Stjelbreid) 25 48.7, 2, Germany 26 36 4, 3, France 27 01.0

BOWLS

PRESTON: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships (England unless stated). Pairs: First round: R Bettensby (Ire) and D Corkill (Ire) bt P Mutter (Can) and N Burkett (SA) 7-5, 7-2, 3-7, 7-5, 7-3; A Marshall (Scot) and R Corsie (Scot) bt R Brassey (NZ) and A Curtain (NZ) 7-0, 7-6, 6-7, 7-5; S Rees and J Price bt D Le Marquand (Jer) and A Welch (Guer) 7-0, 7-3, 5-7, 7-5, D Bryant and T Allcock (Eng) bt N Graham (Ire) and J Henry (Ire) 7-2, 5-7, 7-5, 4-7, 7-5; G Robertson (Scot) and M McMahon (HK) bt M King and G Harlow 6-7, 7-5, 1-7, 7-5, 7-4, J Miller (Scot) and H Duff (Scot) bt S Glasscock (Aus) and I Taylor (Aus) 7-6, 1-7, 7-5, 7-1; G Smith and A Thomson bt C Piper (Wales) and I Morgan (Wales) 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 7-2. Singles: First round: A Marshall (Scot) bt P Mutter (Can) 7-0, 6-7, 7-0, 7-4.

RADNORSHIRE AND MERTHYR TYDFIL: Welsh women's indoor national championships: Semi-finals: singles: D Rowland (Radnorshire) bt S Richards (Swansea) 21-2; J Ackland (Cardiff) bt C Morgan (Ogwr) 21-17. Pairs: L Oliver (Llanelli) and S Oliver (Llanelli) bt M Saunders (Radnorshire) and S Gough (Radnorshire) 19-18 (after extra end); A Mullins (Merthyr Tydfil) and R Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) bt E Brown (Vale of Glamorgan) and A Dainton (Vale of Glamorgan) 27-14. Triples: J Davies, S Gough and B Morgan (Radnorshire) bt M Morgan, M Youngson and B Hunt (Swansea) 19-12; A Pike, A Mullins and R Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) bt E Davies, C Morgan and J Davies (Ogwr) 17-14. Fours: A Pike, A Mullins, P Cramero and R Jones (Merthyr Tydfil) bt E Davies, I Neath, C Morgan and J Davies (Ogwr) 19-15. S King, M Hopkins, M Davies and D Rowlands (Radnorshire) bt W Lamb, M McKee, R Webb and C Moore (Pembrokeshire) 24-18

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Senior Cup: 1, J Glattfelder (Switz) 138.40 sec, 2, D R Schuster (US) 141.77; 3, S S Riegger (Ger) 1.42.48.

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP: Georgetown (last day of four): Windward Islands 414 and 10-0; Guyana 478 (R Harper 202, S Dhanram 79, K Semple 67). Match drawn.

Final standings

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Barbados	5	3	1	1	32
Leeward Is	5	3	1	1	32
Trinidad and T	5	2	3	0	28
Jamaica	5	1	1	3	29
Guyana	5	1	2	2	28
Windward Islands	5	0	2	3	12

WELLINGTON: Tour match (one day): Central Districts 252-6 (A Jones 64; S Tendulkar 2-7), Indians 255-1 (S Tendulkar 139 not out). Indians won by nine wickets.

WANGANUI, New Zealand: Women's one-day International: New Zealand 153 (I Anderson 82) Australia 152.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal 2 Hartford 2 (OT); Philadelphia 5 Washington 3; Toronto 4 Chicago 2; Dallas 4 Winnipeg 7; St Louis 4 Calgary 2.

LACROSSE

CHISWICK: Women's national championships: South 18 Midlands 3; North 5 Combined Universities 4; East 2 West 3; Midlands 3 Combined Universities 7, West 5 North 4; South 8 Combined Universities 4; East 8 Midlands 4; South 3 West 3. Standings: equal 1, South, East and West Sets; 4, Combined Universities 2, 5, Midlands 0.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Abercynon 23 Bridgend 17.

TAMAR CUP: Devon 18 Cornwall 14.

SQUASH

LAMBS CLUB, LONDON: Jesters tournament: Final: R Owen (Warwickshire) bt S Langdon (Devon) 9-0, 4-9, 9-3, 9-5. *Over-45 final:* S Sherren (Kent) bt C Wilson (Scot) 9-4, 9-6, 9-3. *Over-55 final:* P Kirton (Sussex) J Cox (Herefordshire) 8-10, 9-10, 9-0, 9-4, 9-1. *Over-60 final:* J Cox (Herefordshire) bt R Martin (Middlesex) 9-4, 9-1, 5-9, 3-9, 9-7.

SUPER LEAGUE: Cannons Club 3 ICL Lion Herts 0 (P Marshall bt C Walker 3-9 9-6 9-7 9-4, P Nicol bt R Norman 9-7 9-7 5-9 9-4, T Hands bt J Wellings 9-4 9-4 9-0). Walker Fernmond Manchester 1 Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 2 (N Taylor bt R Eyles 9-5 3-9 8-6 9-4, D Campion lost to A Kirkland 4-9 4-9 1-9, L Beachill lost to T Garner 4-9 3-9 5-9); Reckless Club 0 Welsh Black Wizards 3 (P Johnson lost to D Harris 5-9 2-9 1-9, D Webb lost to J Nicholls 0-9 6-9 9-5 2-9, C Tomlinson lost to A Davies 10-8 10-6 8-10 1-9 1-9), Jim Hall Sports Northern 1 Ogmore Valley Dragons 2 (A Hill lost to M Cairns 4-9 1-9 0-9, D Ryan lost to P Whitlock 4-9 6-9 9-7 7-9, A Gough bt C Van Der Wath 6-9 9-2 9-8 9-5). Standings: 1, Cannons Club 32pts, 2, ICL Lion Herts 26, 3, Ogmore Valley Dragons 27: 4, Welsh Black Wizards 20; 5, Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield 19; 6, Walker Fernmond Manchester 12, 7, Reckless Club 10, 8, Jim Hall Sports Northern 8.

TENNIS

PARIS: Open tournament: First round: M Hingis (Switz) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-4, 6-4; A Dechaume-Balleret (Fr) bt Leila Meskhi (Geo) 2-2 rtd hurt, E Makarova (Russ) bt L Neiland (Lat) 6-1, 8-2; R Stubbs (Aus) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; M Oremans (Hol) bt W Probst (Ger) 6-4, 6-2.

MILAN: Men's indoor tournament: First round: R Agenor (Haiti) bt F Santoro (Fr) 6-1, 7-6; S Dosedel (Cz) bt A Costa (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; G Forget (Fr) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-4, 7-5; A Berasategui (Sp) bt D Wheaton (US) 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; K Brassch (Ger) bt S Pescosolido (It) 7-6, 6-1; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt O Camporese (It) 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.

MEMPHIS: Men's tournament (US unless stated): First round: J Morgan (Aus) bt J Tarango 7-6, 6-3, A Mronz (Ger) bt L Mattar (Br) 7-6, 6-3, B Steven (NZ) bt C Rudd (Nor) 6-2, 6-4; B Shelton bt N Kulti (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; G Doyle (Aus) bt M Ondruska (SA) 4-6, 7-6, 6-2; M Tebbutt (Aus) bt F Meligeni (Br) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; G Ruseckl (Can) bt M Jansen 6-1, 6-3; B Dunn bt K Thoms 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; M Rios (Chile) bt A Schapker (Can) 6-1, 7-5.

OKLAHOMA CITY: Women's tournament (US unless stated): First round: K Adams bt A Coetzer (SA) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; P Fendick bt M Miyauchi (Japan) 6-2, 6-3; Y Basting (Hol) bt K Radford (Aus) 6-4, 6-2, D Monami (Bel) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-4, 6-4; A Temesvari (Hun) bt J Watanabe 7-5, 6-1; N Arendt bt J Steven 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

SUNDERLAND: LTA Women's satellite tournament (GB unless stated): First round: S Tse bt T Jezarnik (Slovenia) 6-1, 6-2; S Gerke (Ger) bt S Bentley 6-2, 6-2, D Sobotkova (Cz) bt M Hautova (Cz) 6-3, 6-2, A Linikova (Russ) bt S Peters (Aus) 7-5, 6-1; J Durie bt J Chen (China) 6-2, 6-1; P Stoyanova (Bul) bt S Parhomenko (Russ) 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; D Hosakova (Cz) bt M Starosta (Pol) 6-3, 6-3; M Wainwright bt D Huber (US) 6-3, 0-6, 7-6; N Egorova (Russ) bt M Mair 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Third stage (from Sydney with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Class one: 1, Sceta Calberson (C Auguin, Fr) 2,859 miles; 2, Vendée Enterprises (J van den Heede, Fr) 3,097, 3, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 3,314; 4, Novell South Alinca (J J Provoyeur, SA) 3,462; 5, Coyota (D Scully, US) 3,665; 6, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 3,926. Class two: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 3,334; 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 3,397; 3, Jim Roda II (N Vaughan, GB) 4,080; 4, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 4,148; 5, Cornwall (R Davie, GB) 4,325; 6, Shusen Dohji II (M Saito, Jap) 4,716, 7, Hany Hornblower (H Mitchell, GB) 4,886.

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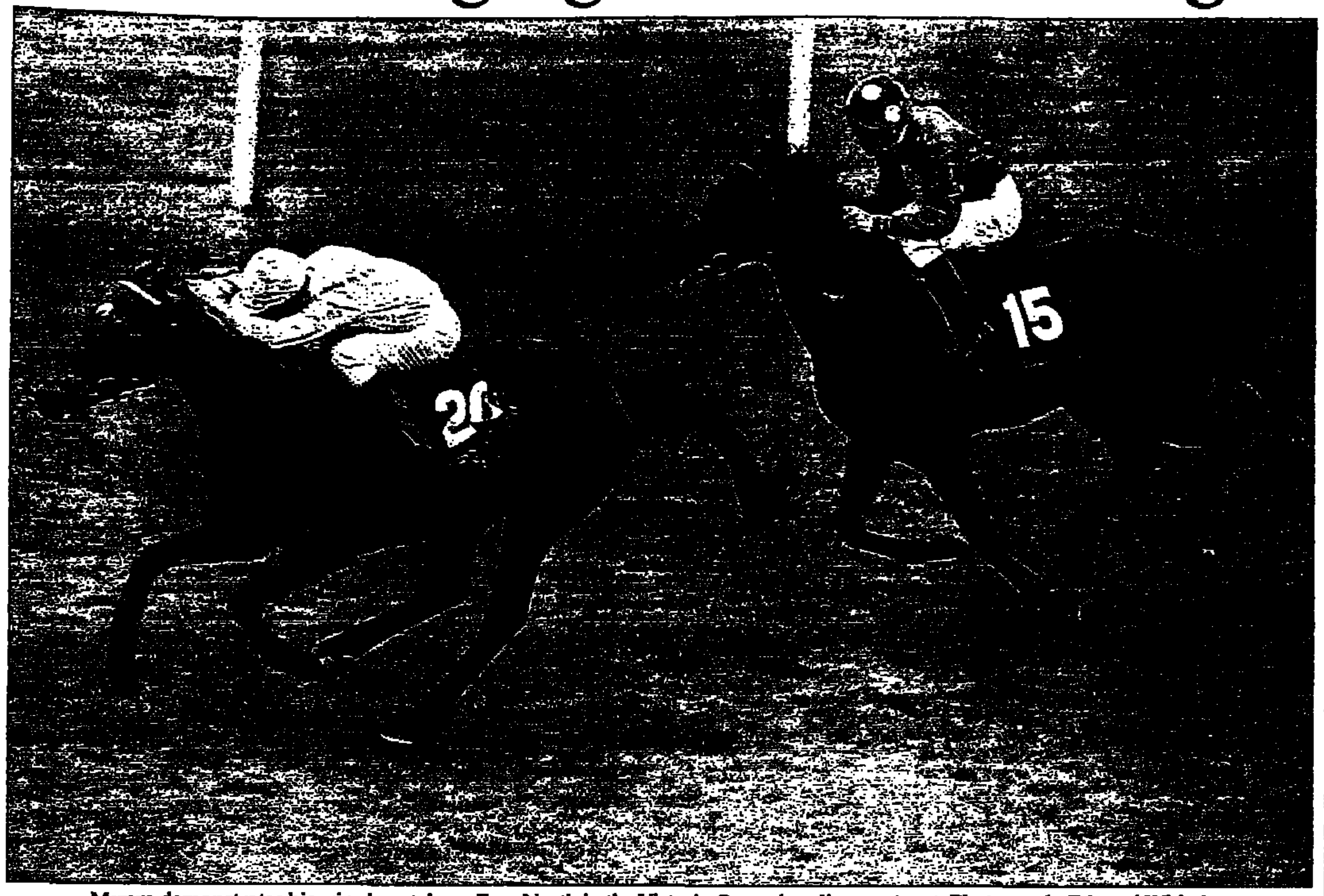
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Leading jockeys eclipsed in exhaustive study of riding merit

Computer ratings give Munro edge

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent


Munro demonstrates his winning style on Face North in the Victoria Cup, a handicap at Ascot. Photograph: Edward Whitaker

WHO is the best Flat jockey riding in Britain? In a sport where difference of opinion is commonplace, few questions provoke as much argument and the latest answer, based on a detailed computer analysis of the 1994 season, is sure to prompt further debate.

Pat Eddery, nine times champion jockey, would undoubtedly be the automatic choice of many owners and betting shop punters who closely follow his mounts. Or what about Willie Carson, the evergreen dynamo, seen at his best when pushing Erhaab to victory in the Derby at Epsom last June? Then there is Walter Swinburn, a big race jockey par excellence, who inevitably has his horse in the right place at the right time.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: DESERT PRESIDENT (2.40 Folkestone)
Next best: Shoofk (1.40 Folkestone)

Richard Evans completed an 11½-1 double yesterday with his nap, Bold Effort, and Sheltered Cove.

If one of those household names is your choice, prepare for a shock. They are rated only 28th, 29th and 37th respectively in a league table of 60 jockeys whose riding performances have been analysed by Racing Research. Frankie Dettori, the 1994 champion, makes the top ten but he is several places behind Jason Weaver, who was runner-up to Dettori in the chase for last year's title.

The rider who came out top, and some way clear in racing terms, was Alan Munro, best known for his riding of Generous, the 1991 Derby winner, who has spent the winter in Japan and Hong Kong. The ratings produced by Racing Research's computer, the result of an exhaustive examination of data, reflect how well horses have run for riders during a season. The ratings are given in pounds, to the nearest tenth of a pound, with the average being 10.0 — the figure allocated to both Eddery and Carson.

John Whitley, whose West Yorkshire-based company also produces the respected Computer Racing Form, explained: "For instance, if Harry Green is on 12.5 and Phil Brown 10.5 then, over the season, horses have in general run 2lb better for Green than Brown. Of course, if Brown has had plenty of rides, mainly on horses well in at the weights, while Green has had nowhere near as many rides and those usually on outsiders, Brown will have ridden far more winners than Green and at a higher percentage of wins to rides.

"From the betting point of view, which is all we are concerned with, it is extremely important to know that horses run, on average, 2lb better for Green than for Brown. These ratings are regarded as invaluable by the cleverest backers."

The 1994 jockey ratings not only have Munro *more than* 1lb clear of his rivals but almost 3½lb clear of Eddery and Carson — equivalent to one length in sprint races — and more than 8lb clear of the bottom-rated jockeys — worth almost three lengths over six furlongs and considerably more in longer races.

A comparison with previous years identifies the jockeys who regularly perform well. Richard Quinn, Kieran Fallon, John Reid, Frankie Dettori, Ray Cochrane, Michael Roberts and Kevin Darley *have all been in the top ten for* the past three years.

The ratings also help to identify the weighing room's up-and-coming stars before the racing public has latched on. David Harrison, whose services for the 1995 season have been snapped up by the Newmarket-based trainer James Fanshawe, emerges as the jockey whose talents and skills have blossomed during the past 12 months.

TOP RATINGS

Alan Munro	13.4
Jason Weaver	12.3
David Harrison	12.3
Richard Quinn	12.3
Kieran Fallon	12.2
John Reid	12.1
Frankie Dettori	12.1
Ray Cochrane	12.1
Brent Thomson	12.0
Michael Roberts	12.0
Bruce Raymond	12.0
Simon Whitworth	11.8
Kevin Darley	11.7
Jimmy Fortune	11.7
Darren Biggs	11.5
Darryll Holland	11.4
Billy Newnes	11.4
Gary Hind	11.3
Philip Robinson	10.9
Tony Ives	10.7

Doumen withdraws The Fellow from National

By Our Racing Staff

VAL D'ALENE will be the sole French challenger for the Martell Grand National on April 8. François Doumen pulled out his stable's other Aintree entries, The Fellow and Algan, at yesterday's forfeit stage.

The Fellow, a faller at the 24th fence in the race last year, had been set to carry joint top weight of 11st 10lb in the National, with the King George VI Chase winner, Algan, allocated 11st 2lb.

Both were quoted at 20-1 by William Hill when the weights were published last week.

Killeshin, a winner over the National fences in last year's Martell Fox Hunters Chase, has also been taken out of the race. John Manners, his owner-trainer, said: "He got a slight knock out hunting and I thought there was little point in leaving him in the National. "It is very annoying but he might still run in the Fox Hunters."

The most notable of the other withdrawals is Lo Stregone, runner-up to Hill Trix in the Mandarin Chase at Newbury last Saturday. The Tom Tate-trained gelding had been given 8st 11lb in the National, 1lb more than Howe Street, who has been taken out of the race after being pulled up lame at Ascot last week.

Callmecha was also withdrawn, while Three Brownies and Flashthecash were not qualified. Hill's latest betting has Miinnehoma, last year's winner, as the 8-1 favourite with Master Oats on 11-1 and Deep Bramble and Party Politics sharing a 14-1 quote.

Looking ahead to the Turf Flat season, the Labour Party is seeking to sponsor a race meeting at Brighton on Sunday, October 1. Its annual conference will be held in the town.

Brighton was originally due to stage its first Sunday meeting on August 13, but the Labour Party approached the track to ask if the fixture could be moved to October 1. The Brighton executive has been in contact with Kempton Park, who are due to race on October 1, to investigate the possibility of a switch in dates. The respective managements are now in discussion.

It is understood that Labour will provide sponsors for October 1 and the Brighton marketing director, Roger Easterby, said: "We would have expected the biggest crowd at Brighton for many years on August 13. But the opportunity of this unique Sunday with additional sponsorship gives us the feeling that we will have an even bigger attendance with the expected delegates, sponsors and racegoers."

It would be the first time a political party has sponsored a race meeting *in this country.*

FOLKESTONE

THUNDERER
1.40 Double Jeopardy. 2.10 Celtic Prince. 2.40 Desert President. 3.10 One More Run. 3.40 Yellow Corn. 4.10 DEAR DO (nap). 4.40 Equinimity.
Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.10 RUSSINSKY (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: HEAVY SIS

1.40 VALENTINE GORTON JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £2,385: 2m 1f 110yd) (6 runners)

1 5513 SOPHIE MAY 11 (CD,S) (J Daniels) M Dixon 11-0 .... D O'Sullivan 87
2 2 DOUBLE JEOPARDY 51 (B Salansbury) J White 10-12 .... J Railton 98
3 U42 INCULCATE 28 (B) (Swan Racing) C Weedon 10-12 .... Peter Hobbs 99
4 3F6 RYAN GIGGS 11 (Mrs C Barclay) A Jarvis 10-12 .... P Morris (7) 83
5 42 SHOOFK 32 (S Devine) S Dow 10-12 .... A Dicken 98
6 SHUTTLINGSLOW 149F (The Horseflies) N Gaselee 10-7 .... M A Fitzgerald –

BETTING: 2-1 Shoofk, 5-2 Double Jeopardy, Inculcate, 6-1 Sophie May, 12-1 Ryan Giggs, 14-1 Shuttlingslow
1994: MARIUS 10-12 D Murphy (10-1) J Gifford 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOPHIE MAY 13l 3rd of 11 to Amancio in novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy) with RYAN GIGGS (3lb better off) 6½l 6th. Previously beat Muntak 2½l in 11-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft). DOUBLE JEOPARDY 6l 2nd of 18 to Katinyd in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). INCULCATE 2½l 2nd of 18 to Balanak in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). SHOOFK 3½l 2nd of 13 to Golden Arrow in novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to soft). SHUTTLINGSLOW 5½l 3rd of 15 to Gemikosa in maiden handicap at Edinburgh (1m 4f, good to firm) on the Flat.
Selection: INCULCATE

2.10 KENT HANDICAP CHASE (£4,935: 3m 2f) (7 runners)

1 5510-55 CATCH THE CROSS 47 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Beswick) K Morgan 9-12-0 A S Smith 91
2 630-343 AVONBURN 32 (F,G,S) (H Spooner) P Hedger 11-11-1 .... M Richards 94
3 F-54426 GAY RUFFIAN 32 (D,G,S) (B McHugh) A Jarvis 9-10-10 .... D Gallagher 96
4 P/113U2 CELTIC PRINCE 13 (B,D,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-10-8 .... D Bridgwater 99
5 3211/03 BRAVE DEFENDER 61 (F,G) (J Hankinson) J White 11-10-0. P McLoughlin (5) 83
6 F42101 WOODLANDS BOY 9 (B,D,F,S) (S Moore) R Hoad 7-10-0 (5ex). N Williamson 90
7 205500- LEAGAUNE 293 (S) (Mrs A Smurfit) T Casey 13-10-0 .... A Maguire 80

Long handicap: Brave Defender 9-11, Woodlands Boy 9-3, Leagaune 8-1.
BETTING: 7-4 Celtic Prince, 5-2 Avonburn, 6-1 Gay Ruffian, Woodlands Boy, 8-1 Catch The Cross, 12-1 others
1994: RIDDLERS THREE 11-11-5 R Farrant (13-8 fav) T Forster 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CATCH THE CROSS tailed off 5th of 6 to Jailbreaker in handicap chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). AVONBURN 16½l 3rd of 9 to Dont Tell The Wife in handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good to soft) with CELTIC PRINCE (2lb better off) unseated rider 17th. GAY RUFFIAN 4l 2nd of 2 to Toureen Prince in handicap chase here (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start. CELTIC PRINCE 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Hill Trix in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, heavy). BRAVE DEFENDER 2½l and distance 3rd of 7 to Toogood To Be True in handicap chase at Market Rasen (3m 1f, soft). WOODLANDS BOY beat Catchapenny 2l in 14-runner handicap chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, soft). LEAGAUNE 40l 7th of 20 to Lovely Citizen in conditions chase at Punchestown (4m 1f, good) April 1994.
Selection: CELTIC PRINCE

2.40 NORTH FORELAND SELLING HURDLE (£2,122: 2m 1f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 6P416-3 CAPTAIN TANDY 48 (D,S) (D Powell) J White 6-11-10 .... A Maguire 53
2 P01-220 CHALLENGER ROW 7 (S) (V Semple) Mrs L Jewell 5-11-10. A P McCoy (3) 73
3 512P3-0 DERISBAY 12F (B,D,F,G,S) (Miss J Self) J Bridger 7-11-10 .... D O'Sullivan 57
4 54/3PP4 HASHAR 35 (F) (W Brown) D Elsworth 7-11-10 .... P Holley 99
5 644320 COBB GATE 7 (B,D,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 7-11-3 .... M Stevens 57
6 0/P20 MARAADY 48 (G Enright) G Enright 6-11-3 .... M Perrett 53
7 80 RIVA ROCK 9 (P Collins) R Rowe 5-11-3 .... T Grantham –
8 50-P033 TAAHHUB 42F (J Joseph) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-3 .... A Shakespeare (7) 51
9 00-0650 BAN RI 37 (A Neaves) A Neaves 5-10-12 .... J R Kavanagh –
10 0-P MISS PANDY 35 (A Ashford) G Enright 7-10-12 .... J Railton –
11 64304 TINA'S CHARM 29F (Mrs V Goodman) J Moore 6-10-12 .... G Bradley 50
12 P82 DESERT PRESIDENT 9F (Trent Park Golf Club) R Hoad 4-10-7 .... A S Smith 72
13 40U0 SPRINGTIME AFFAIR 27 (G Wiltshire) J Mullins 4-10-2 .... L Harvey –

BETTING: 9-4 Hashar, 3-1 Desert President, 5-1 Challenger Row, 7-1 Taahhub, Captain Tandy, 10-1 Cobb Gate, 14-1 Tina's Charm, 16-1 Ban Ri, Maraady, 20-1 others.
1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

CAPTAIN TANDY best effort last term beat Hats High ½l in 17-runner selling handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, soft). CHALLENGER ROW 9l 2nd of 6 to Redeemyourself in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start with HASHAR (17lb better off) 40l 4th. COBB GATE 10l 2nd of 17 to Ready To Draw in selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) on penultimate start with CAPTAIN TANDY 4l 3rd, MARAADY 19l 8th and RIVA ROCK 3l 10th. MARAADY neck 2nd of 6 to Chiappucci in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) with TINA'S CHARM 7l 3rd. TAAHHUB 5½l 3rd of 13 to Nahri in conditional jockeys' selling novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good) on penultimate start. TINA'S CHARM 14l 9th of 17 to Morstock in novice handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good) on penultimate start. DESERT PRESIDENT neck 2nd of 8 to Alaskan Heir in selling hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy).
Selection: CHALLENGER ROW

3.10 CANTERBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,794: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

1 U015P-3 ONE MORE RUN 27 (S) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) C Brooks 8-12-0 G Bradley 94
2 326-525 GINGER TRISTAN 58 (B,G,S) (Mrs C Notley) D Grissell 9-12-0 .... Peter Hobbs 90
3 F22200 ZAMIRAH 8 (F,G,S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 8-11-10 D Bridgwater 88
4 5-4205U FAIR BROTHER 27 (G,S) (Mrs S Watts) G Balding 9-11-8 .... A Maguire 99
5 U-45614 RUSSINSKY 33 (D,BF,G,S) (D Clark) G Bravery 8-11-4 .... M Hourigan 95
6 53-5851 IMPECCABLE TIMING 27 (D,S) (Mrs C Mitchell) D O'Neill 12-10-5 Mr A Mitchell (7) 96
7 05P305 ALLO GEORGE 26 (G) (Lewis Medical Systems) A Newcombe 9-10-0 A Thornton 76

Long handicap: Allo George 9-6.
BETTING: 3-1 One More Run, 7-2 Zamirah, 4-1 Fair Brother, 6-1 Impeccable Timing, Russinsky, 8-1 others.
1994: MAJOR INQUIRY 8-10-8 D Murphy (6-1) J Gifford 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONE MORE RUN 15½l 3rd of 10 to Strath Royal in handicap chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, soft). GINGER TRISTAN ½l 2nd of 6 to Bold Choice in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. ZAMIRAH best recent effort 1¼l 2nd of 12 to Sunset Again in novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 2f, soft). FAIR BROTHER 48l 8th of 16 to Lansdowne in handicap hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, soft). RUSSINSKY beat Prince Yaza 20l in 5-runner handicap chase at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. IMPECCABLE TIMING beat Persian Sword 2½l in 8-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (soft) with FAIR BROTHER (2lb better off) unseated rider 3 out. ALLO GEORGE best effort this term 15½l 3rd of 8 to Romany Creek in novice chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good).
Selection: FAIR BROTHER (nap)

3.40 HBLB GOODWINS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,176: 2m 1f 110yd) (14 runners)

1 3130/V FUTURE KING 881 (G) (Mrs A Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-12-0 .... P Morris (7) –
2 120-612 AUGUST TWELFTH 9 (CD,S) (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 7-11-13 .... Mr G Brown 93
3 0/63-P0 SCENT OF BATTLE 28 (C,S) (W Carpenter) M Haynes 7-11-10 .... D Skyrme 92
4 355345 THUHOOL 9 (CD,G,S) (C Cornwell) R Rowe 7-11-8 .... D Carson (7) 98
5 01400-P BAYLORD PRINCE 13 (CD,S) (Miss J Ewer) Miss J Ewer 7-11-4 .... D Fortt (5) 98
6 5S5FP0 JOKER JACK 35 (F,S) (R Dean) R Dean 10-11-3 .... P McLoughlin (5) 99
7 038-420 YELLOW CORN 39 (B) (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 6-11-2 .... Peter Hobbs 96
8 360-040 PEAK DISTRICT 7 (G,S) (I Jones) J Jones 9-11-0 .... A P McCoy (3) 90
9 32/000 WITH GUSTO 12F (R Digance) J Bridger 8-10-12 .... D O'Sullivan –
10 3PP/ PRECIOUS WONDER 127F (D Butler) P Butler 6-10-7 .... M A Fitzgerald –
11 30P/680- FERENS HALL 280 (M Roberts) M Roberts 8-10-2 .... N Williamson 98
12 /P6803/ GUNNERSBURY ROAD 758 (Miss J Newell) G Thorner 8-10-2 .... B Powell –
13 01P/P44 CHEVELEY DANCER 56 (S) (G Jackman) D Wilson 7-10-1 .... A Maguire 94
14 0503U4 STAPLEFORD LADY 9 (C Kyriakou) J Moore 7-10-1 .... W McFarland 93

BETTING: 2-1 August Twelfth, 3-1 Thuhool, 9-2 Yellow Corn, 8-1 Cheveley Dancer, 10-1 Ferens Hall, 12-1 Baylord Prince, 14-1 Precious Wonder, 16-1 others.
1994: RUN HIGH 11-10-10 Mr R Teal (6-5 fav) P Mitchell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AUGUST TWELFTH 12l 2nd of 13 to Nanseste in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft) with THUHOOL (6lb better off) 12½l 5th. SCENT OF BATTLE 14l 3rd of 5 to Run High in handicap hurdle over course and distance (heavy) February 1994. YELLOW CORN 10l 2nd of 8 to El Grando in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft). PEAK DISTRICT best effort this term 25l 7th of 16 to Love You Madly in claiming hurdle at Taunton (3m 110yd, good) with STAPLEFORD LADY (10lb better off) 44l 13th. PRECIOUS WONDER 18l 3rd of 7 to Kabayil in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) February 1993. CHEVELEY DANCER 23l 4th of 10 to Alice's Mirror in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start with THUHOOL (3lb worse off) head 5th. STAPLEFORD LADY best effort this term 12½l 3rd of 10 to Pharose in novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy).
Selection: AUGUST TWELFTH

4.10 MANSTON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 2m) (8 runners)

1 065232 ROSGILL 35 (F,S) (Brigadier Racing) J White 9-11-10 .... A Maguire 99
2 02-3260 FAMOUS DANCER 6 (S) (B Buckley) J Jenkins 7-11-8 .... D Gallagher 80
3 42P2-P2 THE CARROT MAN 8 (Mrs J Winkworth) P Winkworth 7-11-8 .... C Maude 97
4 253P10 DOC COTTRILL 51 (S) (Bakers Arms Pipers) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-7 D Bridgwater –
5 2-00022 DEAR DO 30 (C Edwards) N Henderson 8-11-5 .... M A Fitzgerald 98
6 3104-54 FICHU 146 (F) (G Thorner) G Thorner 7-10-12 .... B Powell 91
7 000/P/ POWDER MILL RUN 638 (Losers Cant Be Choosers RC) P Butler 8-10-3 N Williamson –
8 2420-0 NOMADIC FIRE 27 (G Wiltshire) J Mullins 5-10-0 .... L Harvey –

BETTING: 9-4 Dear Do, 5-2 Rosgill, 7-2 The Carrot Man, 9-2 Doc Cottrill, 5-1 Famous Dancer, 12-1 others.
1994: MISTER ODDY 8-11-5 T Jenks (6-4) J King 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROSGILL 1¼l 2nd of 9 to Rather Sharp in selling handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, soft). FAMOUS DANCER best effort this term 10l 2nd of 6 to Appleonsoience in novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good to firm). THE CARROT MAN 9l 2nd of 8 to Dwadme in handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). DOC COTTRILL beat Sports View 1¼l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. DEAR DO 9l 2nd of 12 to Rainbow Castle in maiden chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, good). FICHU best effort this term 21l 5th of 11 to Muskora in novice chase at Worcester (2m, good) on penultimate start. NOMADIC FIRE 8l 2nd of 10 to Legal Artist in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, good) Sept 1993.
Selection: DEAR DO

4.40 BONUSPRINT NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,235: 2m 1f 110yd) (15 runners)

1 BERTRAGHBOY BAY (Mrs D Strauss) G Balding 5-11-8 .... Ross Berry (7) –
2 DECIDE YOURSELF (D Wilson) T Thomson Jones 5-11-8 .... Guy Lewis (5) –
3 FALSE CREEK (F Colme) G Harwood 5-11-8 .... Miss A Harwood –
4 0-6 LORIZA VALLEY 13 (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 6-11-8 .... D Leahy (3) –
5 SPEEDWELL PRINCE (The Bar Fixtures Pinrs) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-8 T Jenks –
6 THE HERBIVORE (M Roberts) M Roberts 6-11-8 .... Mr T McCarthy (7) –
7 TIN PAN ALLEY (Mrs C Notley) D Grissell 6-11-8 .... D Fortt (5) –
8 5 EQUINIMITY 7 (T Rooth) A Jarvis 6-11-3 .... P Morris (7) –
9 0/ GOLD BONNET 648 (A Palmer) R Rowe 6-11-3 .... D Carson (7) –
10 0 SWEET ALLEGIANCE 25 (R Ledger) R Ledger 5-11-3 .... Mrs N Ledger –
11 0 VENDEE 13 (Miss J Doyle) Miss J Doyle 6-11-3 .... S Curran (3) –
12 JIMBO (Mrs E Long) J Jenkins 4-10-12 .... A P McCoy (3) –
13 0 GIVUSASHOT 13 (Mrs D Simms) J Moore 4-10-7 .... L McGrath (7) –
14 SEE MORE ANGELS (Mrs A James) A James 4-10-7 .... Mr R Johnson (7) –
15 SIMOCKI (A Neaves) A Neaves 4-10-7 .... P McLoughlin (5) –

BETTING: 7-4 Speedwell Prince, 3-1 False Creek, 8-1 Decide Yourself, 10-1 Equinimity, 12-1 others.
1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Henderson	4	18	22.2	M Richards	8	28	28.6
T Thomson Jones	3	15	20.0	A Maguire	10	58	17.2
R Rowe	8	42	19.0	L Harvey	3	18	16.7
D Grissell	9	49	18.4	M Perrett	5	31	16.1
				J Railton	4	29	13.8
Only qualifiers				Peter Hobbs	4	33	12.1

SEDGEFIELD

THUNDERER
1.30 Old Habits. 2.00 Trooping. 2.30 Eurotwist. 3.00 Grace Card. 3.30 Grey Power. 4.00 Seagull Hollow. 4.30 General's Orders.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 GREY POWER.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.30 WOLSINGHAM MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,579: 2m 5f 110yd) (18 runners)

1 05 ABBEY LAMP 13 J Johnson 6-11-7 .... N Doughty 72
2 050- BOB-NELSON 335 P Beaumont 6-11-7 .... R Supple –
3 0-0P BUYERS DREAM 18 J Hellens 5-11-7 .... A Larnach (3) –
4 0 CAMALLOU 8 39 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-7 .... Mr D Parker (5) –
5 38-2 CESAR DU MANOIR 110 Mrs S Bramall 5-11-7 .... J Burke 99
6 0 CHARLVIC 58 W Cunningham 5-11-7 .... W Fry (7) –
7 2-40 HAGAR 25 J Charlton 6-11-7 .... B Storey –
8 6-6 MATASHOM 166 M Smith 5-11-7 .... G Harker –
9 0 NASAYER 118 N Mason 5-11-7 .... J Supple (5) –
10 044 OLD HABITS 12 J Eyre 6-11-7 .... O Pears 90
11 06 PARADISE ROW 13 M H Easterby 5-11-7 .... L Wyer –
12 0 PERSIAN GRANGE 26 D Lamb 5-11-7 .... Mr A Manners (7) –
13 000 PHARARE 26 R Woodhouse 5-11-7 .... J Callaghan –
14 06-P SEAHAWK RETRIEVER 103 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-7 .... E Callaghan (7) –
15 -22P MARETTIA 25 (BF,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-2 .... P Niven 91
16 -PPP MY GONNY 8 J Dodds 6-11-2 .... T Reed –
17 6-00 OWENS QUEST 15 T Etherington 5-11-2 .... R Garritty –
18 4024 SIERRA MADRONA 51 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-2 Richard Guest 81

5-2 Cesar Du Manoir, 4-1 Marettia, 5-1 Old Habits, 7-1 Sierra Madrona, 8-1 Paradise Row, 12-1 Hagar, 14-1 Bob Nelson, 16-1 others.

2.00 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,136: 2m 1f 110yd) (13)

1 6162 TWIN FALLS 25 (G) G Moore 4-11-10 .... J Callaghan 92
2 123 KINTAVI 25 (S) T Donnelly 5-10-12 .... T Eley (3) 95
3 -436 KNUCKLEBUSTER 12 R Fahey 5-10-10 .... L Wyer 91
4 5/04 MASTER FLASHMAN 15 Mrs M Reveley 6-10-10 .... P Niven 94
5 6-06 TROOPING 11 M Meagher 6-10-10 .... N Doughty 94
6 630F VAL DE RAMA 71 Denys Smith 6-10-9 .... P Waggott (5) 98
7 1606 SOLAR NOVA 26 (CD,G) J Park 7-10-9 .... N Smith 90
8 6251 FLY TO THE END 25 (S) J Quinn 5-10-8 .... J Driscoll (7) 95
9 6206 SPRING CALL 15 M H Easterby 5-10-4 .... R Garritty 99
10 5-90 THISONESFORALICE 32 A Harrison 7-10-0 .... F Perratt (5) 97
11 -005 MAYO MAN 64 (B) E Alston 6-10-0 .... A Procter (3) 96
12 5040 TOPOTHENORTHRACING 12 P Beaumont 5-10-0. C Hawkins 90
13 08-2 EASY RHYTHM 13 B Temple 6-10-0 .... B Harding (5) 98

3-1 Twin Falls, 7-2 Master Flashman, 4-1 Kintavi, 7-1 Knucklebuster, 10-1 Trooping, Val De Rama, 12-1 Topothenorthracing, 14-1 others.

2.30 ST EDMUNDS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,714: 2m 1f 110yd) (8)

1 5304 BEND SABLE 11 (C,F,S) F Storey 5-12-0 .... B Storey 93
2 -016 ARAGON AYR 12 (S) P Monteith 7-12-0 .... A Dobbin 94
3 -116 EUROTWIST 67 (CD,G,S) J Eyre 6-11-11 .... G Lee (5) 90
4 53F- VAYRUA 312 (G,S) J Hellens 10-11-9 .... A Larnach (3) –
5 3101 THORNTON GATE 15 (G,S) M H Easterby 5-11-8. P Niven 99
6 2413 WHITE WILLOW 13 (V,CD,S) Mrs M Reveley 6-11-8 .... R Garritty 90
7 1263 ZAJIRA 30 (D,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-4 .... G Cahill (7) 90
8 5-60 WEE WIZARD 159 (F,G,S) M Barnes 6-11-2 .... B Harding (5) 98

5-2 White Willow, 3-1 Zajira, 9-2 Thornton Gate, 5-1 Eurotwist, 6-1 Bend Sable, 7-1 Aragon Ayr, 12-1 others.

3.00 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,647: 3m 3f) (11)

1 2U35 THE GREEN FOOL 30 (C,F,G,S) V Thompson 8-11-3 .... Mr M Thompson 82
2 PP5 ALY DALEY 88 J Johnson 7-10-10 .... N Doughty 71
3 2/63 BARICHSTE 13 M W Easterby 7-10-10 .... R Garritty –
4 -083 BUSY BOY 13 D Lamb 8-10-10 .... Mr A Manners (7) –
5 P033 CALL THE SHOTS 25 J Wade 8-10-10 .... K Jones 84
6 -458 GERRYMANDER 8 M Hammond 9-10-10 .... A Dobbin –
7 122/ GRACE CARD 649F (G,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-10-10 .... P Niven –
8 2322 KILCOLGAN 18 Mrs J Goodfellow 8-10-10 .... B Storey 99
9 4/PU MR GLEN 8 (F) N Mason 10-10-10 .... R Supple –
10 P4U0 ONE FOR THE CHIEF 50 (G,S) R Whitaker 7-10-10 C Hawkins –
11 P420 WILLUBELONG 26 W Raw 6-10-10 .... G Hogan (5) 83

9-4 Grace Card, 3-1 Kilcolgan, 4-1 Call The Shots, 6-1 The Green Fool, 7-1 others.

3.30 EBF TATTERSALLS (IRELAND) MARES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,746: 2m 5f) (8)

1 -312 GREY POWER 51 (CD,BF,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-1 P Niven 99
2 3223 CHICHELL'S HURST 25 (BF,S) Mrs P Sly 9-10-10 .. R Marley 93
3 -430 ESTABLISH 8 J Dodds 7-10-10 .... T Reed 81
4 40P0 LA MOLINILLA 15 (F) Mrs K Lamb 12-10-10 Miss S Lamb (7) –
5 4445 MARSDEN ROCK 30 N Mason 8-10-10 .... M Moloney 81
6 0/05 SCARLET BERRY 12 R Brewis 7-10-10 .... G Harker –
7 -04U SKI LADY 26 J Charlton 7-10-10 .... B Storey –
8 PP-P SULAAH ROSE 51 Mrs J Jordan 6-10-10 .... D Morris –

4-5 Grey Power, 2-1 Chichell's Hurst, 5-1 Marsden Rock, 12-1 Establish, 25-1 La Molinilla, Scarlet Berry, 33-1 others.

4.00 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,726: 2m 1f) (7)

1 2414 CEILIDH BOY 18 (B,BF,F,G,S) Mrs J Goodfellow 9-12-0 .... B Storey 99
2 2225 BELDINE 12 (D,F,G,S) P Monteith 10-11-11 .... A Dobbin 95
3 1423 SEAGULL HOLLOW 11 (CD,G,S) M H Easterby 6-11-9 L Wyer 90
4 15-5 RARE FIRE 67 (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 11-11-5 .... N Smith 91
5 4F20 CIRCULATION 9 (D,G,S) D McCain 9-10-9 .... C Hawkins 94
6 U443 HEATHVIEW 9 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-7 E Callaghan (7) 84
7 -451 ANOTHER RED 4 (S) W Raw 7-10-0 (7ex) .... G Hogan (5) 94

7-4 Beldine, 3-1 Ceilidh Boy, 9-2 Seagull Hollow, 5-1 Another Red, 8-1 Rare Fire, 10-1 Circulation, 12-1 Heathview.

4.30 SEDGEFIELD NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,674: 2m 1f 110yd) (14)

1 BLOND MOSS J Hellens 5-11-3 .... A Larnach (3) –
2 2-3 DOWN THE FELL 25 J Johnson 6-11-3 .... F Leahy (5) –
3 HOLDING THE ACES G Vergette 5-11-3 .... G Hogan (5) –
4 JOINT ACCOUNT R Tate 5-11-3 .... Mrs F Needham –
5 0 KENTUCKY GOLD 25 D McCain 6-11-3 .... D McCain (5) –
6 1 GENERAL'S ORDERS 25 (S) J Norton 4-11-0 .... W Fry (7) –
7 DECENT PENNY Mrs M Reveley 6-10-12 .... M Herrington (7) –
8 5 FLAT TOP 25 M W Easterby 4-10-7 .... J Driscoll (7) –
9 ICE COLD IN ALEX C Thornton 4-10-7 .... Mark Roberts (7) –
10 3 PLANNING GAIN 15 L Lungo 4-10-7 .... F Perratt (5) –
11 RYE HEAD Mrs K Tutty 4-10-7 .... Mr N Tutty –
12 CLARIEVAL J Johnson 4-10-2 .... S Taylor (7) –
13 2 FESTIVE LASSIE 25 T Barron 4-10-2 .... G Lee (5) –
14 0 WHITEGATESPRINCESS 25 J Johnson 4-10-2 .... G Cahill (7) –

7-4 General's Orders, 3-1 Planning Gain, 9-2 Decent Penny, 8-1 Down The Fell, 10-1 Festive Lassie, 14-1 Ice Cold In Alex, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 70 winners from 230 runners, 30.4%; I Park, 5 from 17, 29.4%; C Thornton, 7 from 25, 28.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 17 from 61, 27.9%; M H Easterby, 24 from 98, 24.5%.

JOCKEYS: G Lee, 7 winners from 17 rides, 41.2%; P Niven, 56 from 193, 29.0%; L Wyer, 28 from 114, 24.6%; F Leahy, 6 from 32, 18.8%; J Callaghan, 22 from 121, 18.2%; R Marley, 8 from 52, 15.4%.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER
2.20 Port Sunlight. 2.50 Royal Citizen. 3.20 Ertlon. 3.50 Pleasant Memories. 4.20 Mr Lowry. 4.50 Hannah's Usher.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Inchkeith. 4.20 Mr Lowry.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.20 HEARTS AND ROSES APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,981: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

101 0014 MENTALASANYTHIN 1 (C,D,G,S) A Bailey 6-10-4 (5ex) .... Angela Gallimore (7) 7
102 540- RIVA'S BOOK 51J (B,F,S) S Coathup 4-8-13 .... S James (5) 1
103 4-51 ALL ON 23 (D,G) J Hetherton 4-8-9 .... J Stack 5
104 0310 AWESTRUCK 2 (CD,F,G,S) B Preece 5-8-7 .... A Eddery (5) 9
105 0-62 PORT SUNLIGHT 5 (F,S) P Evans 7-8-7 .... D O'Neill (5) 2
106 -320 CHILD STAR 11 (E,C,G,S) D Marks 6-8-1 .... M Baird (3) 4
107 00-0 SPRING LOADED 11 (B,F,S) J O'Shea 4-8-0 .... S Lanigan (5) 6
108 060- BODANTREE 127 H Oliver 4-7-8 .... P Fessey (5) 8
109 0-05 T O O MAMMA'S 12 (C,F,G) J Berry 4-7-7 .... B Halligan (7) 3

2-1 Mentalasanythin, 11-4 All On, 3-1 Port Sunlight, 7-1 Child Star, 10-1 Awestruck, 20-1 Riva's Book.

2.50 CUPID CLAIMING STAKES (£2,580: 1m 6f 166yd) (8)

201 2322 SCALP 'EM 11 (C,BF,F,G) P Evans 7-9-6 .... L Dettori 1
202 68-4 HOW'S IT GOIN 14 (G) W Muir 4-9-2 .... J Weaver 8
203 2251 ROYAL CITIZEN 11 (CD,G) J Bottomley 6-9-2 .... T Ives 7
204 02-2 LONE RISK 11 (C,G,S) M Pipe 4-9-0 .... D Harrison 6
205 50-6 GINKA 28 (B) P Bevan 4-8-5 .... N Carlisle 5
206 5-62 GREENACRES STAR 16 B McMahon 5-8-5 .... S Sanders (3) 4
207 -042 ZAAHEYAH 9J M Hammond 5-8-3 .... R Cochrane 3
208 00-0 MISS FREEBIE 12 B McMahon 4-7-13 .... J O'Reilly 2

9-4 Lone Risk, 3-1 Royal Citizen, 9-2 Zaaheyah, 5-1 How's It Goin, 11-2 Scalp 'Em, 6-1 Greenacres Star, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Wragg, 3 winners from 5 runners, 60.0%; M Johnston, 20 from 66, 30.3%; Lord Huntingdon, 12 from 49, 24.5%; P Haslam, 16 from 77, 20.8%; T Barron, 7 from 34, 20.6%; B Meehan, 5 from 25, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: Amanda Sanders, 3 winners from 11 rides, 27.3%; J Weaver, 39 from 154, 25.3%; G Duffield, 10 from 41, 24.4%; L Dettori, 23 from 116, 19.8%; R Cochrane, 11 from 64, 17.2%; Dean McKeown, 4 from 30, 13.3%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Folkestone: 1.40 Inculcate. 3.10 Ginger Tristan. 3.40 Yellow Corn. Sedgefield: 2.00 Mayo Man. Wolverhampton: 2.50 Ginka. 4.20 Beecham.

3.20 SWEETHEART HANDICAP (£5,602: 7f) (12)

301 1-22 ERTLON 7 (D,F,G) C Brittain 5-10-0 .... B Doyle 3
302 1-10 ROCKETEER 7 (B,CD,G) W Muir 4-9-13 .... DOUBTFUL 12
303 113- HIGHBORN 130 (C,D,F,G) P Felgate 6-9-11 .. P McCabe (5) 11
304 -211 LITTLE IBNR 15 (CD,G) P Evans 4-9-5 .... L Dettori 7
305 121- MASTER BEVELED 109 (D,F,G,S) P Evans 5-9-3 J Stack (5) 8
306 1114 LEGAL FICTION 4 (C,D,BF,G) M Johnston 4-9-1 (5ex) .... T Williams 6
307 0-23 FOLLY FINNESSE 7 (D,S) B Millman 4-9-0 .... T Ives 10
308 -534 DAWALIB 16 (C,G) D Haydn Jones 5-8-10 .... D Harrison 1
309 100- BOLD STREET 151 (B,C,D,G,S) A Bailey 5-8-9 .. S Whitworth 9
310 0-04 ALLINSON'S MATE 12 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-8-7 Dean McKeown 2
311 -013 ARNDILLY 15 (B,CD,G) B Meehan 4-8-7 .... R Cochrane 5
312 4125 MAID WELCOME 11 (V,D,BF,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 8-8-0 .... Amanda Sanders (7) 4

4-1 Master Beveled, 5-1 Little Ibnr, 6-1 Highborn, 13-2 Bold Street, 7-1 Ertlon, 8-1 Legal Fiction, 10-1 others.

3.50 SWEET NOTHINGS MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,539: 1m 1f 79yd) (5)

401 0 CALLONESCY 5 C Brittain 9-0 .... B Doyle 5
402 HANDSON B Millman 9-0 .... T Ives 3
403 0- HOT BREEZE 193 L Barratt 9-0 .... G Bardwell 2
404 02 INCHKEITH 13 G Wragg 8-9 .... D Gibbs (7) 1
405 2 PLEASANT MEMORIES 34 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 .... L Dettori 4

11-8 Pleasant Memories, 7-4 Inchkeith, 7-2 Callonescy, 10-1 Handson, 50-1 Hot Breeze.

4.20 BE MY VALENTINE SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,433: 7f) (10)

501 -065 GIGFY 8 (B,G) B Llewellyn 9-2 .... D R McCabe (3) 1
502 06-5 SAXON HEIR 11 (B,G) M Usher 9-2 .... M Wigham 3
503 256- BEECHAM 123 (B) A Hide 8-11 .... J Quinn 4
504 1-02 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 14 (CD,G,S) A Bailey 8-11 .. G Bardwell 2
505 3-44 MR LOWRY 6 (B) R Boss 8-11 .... G Duffield 10
506 6-00 SWEET CHEAP PET 5 (V,F,G) J Berry 8-11 .. Dean McKeown 8
507 BERNARD STAR B Llewellyn 8-6 .... S Whitworth 7
508 -523 BRETTON PRINCESS 19 R Hollinshead 8-6 .... L Dettori 5
509 -502 DOWDENCY 5 J Pickering 8-6 .... N Carlisle 9
510 00-2 JERSEY BELLE 29 P Makin 8-6 .... J Weaver 6

3-1 David James' Girl, 4-1 Mr Lowry, Beecham, 9-2 Gigfy, 6-1 Jersey Belle, Dowdency, 10-1 Bretton Princess, 12-1 others.

4.50 LADBROKE ALL WEATHER BOWL SERIES HANDICAP (Qualifier: 3-Y-O: £4,026: 5f) (6)

601 1-22 HANNAH'S USHER 34 (D,F,G) P Haslam 9-7 .... J Weaver 3
602 1521 CRYSTAL LOOP 7 (C,G) A Bailey 9-1 (7ex) .... G Bardwell 5
603 160- DOUBLE GLOW 124 (D,F,G) N Bycroft 9-0 .... G Duffield 2
604 4413 DOLLY FACE 1 (D,F,G) W Muir 8-7 .... L Dettori 1
605 24-2 C-YER-SIMMIE 25 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-2 .... A Garth (5) 4
606 500- ONEINEVERYCOLOUR 137 (D,F) P Evans 7-7 .... M Baird (5) 6

7-4 Hannah's Usher, 3-1 Dolly Face, 7-2 Crystal Loop, 9-2 C-Yer-Simmie, 6-1 Double Glow, 50-1 Oneineverycolour.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

1.50 (6f) 1, TRIPLE JOY (G Duffield, 2-1 fav); 2, Crystal Heights (J Weaver, 3-1); 3, Speedy Classic (L Dettori, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Spender (4th), 10 Moscow Road (6th), 25 Thorny Bishop (5th). 6 ran. 7l, 1½l, 2½l, 5l, 4l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote £2.40; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £6.00. CSF: £7.93.

2.20 (1m 2f) 1, STAR FIGHTER (Emma O'Gorman, 3-1 fav); 2, Al Comiche (P P Murphy, 12-1); 3, Witney-De-Bergerac (R Hughes, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Ekte Number, 6 Fahema, 13-2 Lawbuster (4th), 8 Keys Seminar (5th), 25 First Point, 33 Bellara (6th), Dingo Warrior. 10 ran. 9l, 1½l, 6l, 13l, ¾l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £2.80; £2.00, £2.30, £1.70. DF: £27.40. Trio: £57.10. CSF: £36.04.

2.50 (6f) 1, DAS ISLAND (L Dettori, 11-8 fav); 2, Tinker Amelia (J Weaver, 7-1); 3, Merrie Le Bow (J McLaughlin, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Nomadic Dancer (5th), 10 Paronomasia (4th), 33 Slybird (6th). 6 ran. 3½l, 3½l, 5l, 12l, ½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote £1.80; £1.60, £2.00. DF: £7.90. CSF: £10.66.

3.20 (1m) 1, KINTWYN (D Harrison, 11-1); 2, Perilous Plight (J Weaver, 9-4 jt-fav); 3, Zacaroon (L Dettori, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 jt-fav Mentalasanythin (4th), 8 The Little Ferret, 12 Desert Invader (6th), 16 Pillow Talk (5th), 25 Pirates Gold. 8 ran. 2l, 1½l, 4l, ½l, 1¾l. C C Elsey at Lambourn. Tote: £23.50; £3.90, £1.00, £1.30. DF: £19.20. CSF: £34.65.

3.50 (1m 2f) 1, WILD RICE (W Woods, 6-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Herr Trigger (M Rimmer, 100-30); 3, El Atrevido (R Cochrane, 15-8). ALSO RAN: 10 Just Lucky (5th), 40 Speedybird (4th), Tip The Dove (6th). 6 ran. 1¼l, 4l, 9l, 25l, 10l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £5.60. CSF: £6.57.

4.20 (2m) 1, SHELTERED COVE (J Weaver, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Arc Bright (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav); 3, Rose Of Glenn (G Duffield, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Elburg (4th), 6 Disputed Call, 8 Pearly River, 14 Mr Copyforce (6th), Wottashambles, 20 In Behind, 33 Doc's Coat, South Sands (5th), 50 Prairie Grove. 12 ran. 3½l, 5l, sh hd, 3½l, 9l. K Cunningham-Brown at Stockbridge. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £2.20, £2.80. DF: £6.90. Trio: £17.70. CSF: £20.00. Tricast: £90.29.

4.50 (6f) 1, BOLD EFFORT (J Weaver, 6-4 fav; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Bon Secret (S Sanders, 10-1); 3, Dolly Face (L Dettori, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Whittingham Girl (6th), 9-2 Musical Fantasy (5th), 10 Rotherfield Park (4th). 6 ran. 2½l, 1¼l, ¾l, 10l, 1½l. K Cunningham-Brown at Stockbridge. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £4.50. DF: £18.30. CSF: £14.64.

Jackpot: £12,200.50 (0.38 winning tickets. Pool of £10,654.00 carried forward to Wolverhampton today).
Placepot: £16.00. Quadpot: £5.70.

☐ Rain at Sandown yesterday afternoon left Andrew Cooper, the clerk of the course, "cautiously optimistic" that tomorrow's meeting will go ahead. "We're not anxious at the moment, though I am not absolutely confident," he said. There are no reported problems for today's meetings.

Probe into Lobilio's death

THE Jockey Club is to investigate the circumstances surrounding the death of the Dai Burchell-trained Lobilio before the Ledbury Handicap Hurdle at Hereford on Monday. The six-year-old gelding died of a heart attack on the way to the start.

David Pipe, director of public affairs for the Jockey Club, confirmed yesterday that the matter would be looked into after telephone calls suggesting that there was something amiss with the horse in the paddock beforehand.

"The most interesting thing will be the result of the post-mortem which is usually held after a horse dies on the course," Pipe said.

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Venables preaches virtues of having flexible friends

David Miller finds the England coach keen to explore all avenues in search for success

DO NOT take any notice of what England's formation is alleged to be when they play Ireland in Dublin tonight. The coach will not. Terry Venables is searching for collective intelligence and mobility, not some geometric theorem.

"It makes no difference how you line up," Venables says, hoping to impress on his squad the principle that goes back to the so-called "total football" of Rinus Michels with Ajax and Holland 20 years ago; even further back, perhaps, to Alf Ramsey's flexible 4-4-2/4-2-4 when winning the World Cup, or to Hungary's 3-3-4 of the Fifties.

"You should attack together and defend together," Venables says, and there is no more articulate coaching mind in the country. That is why his peers persuaded the Football Association, through Jimmy Armfield, to give him the job. Flexibility, not formation, is the key. To prove that flexibility, Le Tissier will tonight be encouraged to play further forward, almost in partnership with Shearer.

"If you play one man up front, you can have five in midfield, and can attack with six," Venables says. "If you are light in midfield, the opposition will play around you and past you. Passarella, the Argentina coach, may be attempting to play without a central attacker at all, but the rest have to get *in* there."

In a recent analysis of Johan Cruyff's work with Barcelona, I quoted Cruyff's criticism that the majority of English clubs "and England" still played 4-4-2, which Cruyff considered was a tactical limitation. Venables challenges that observation.

"I'm looking for movement, and we don't play 4-4-2 as such," he says. "We may play several different ways in one match, and we've varied our plans throughout six matches so far."

He was particularly pleased with the first two victories, over Denmark and Greece, dismissing the accusation that Greece were a poor team. They were the first European country to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals, "and no one had beaten them like that [5-0] until we did," he says. Likewise, the United States: they had conceded only one goal, to Brazil, in the World Cup, and were well beaten by two from Shearer.

Venables admits, first, that Romania, "a keep-ball team", made life difficult, but he thinks England ought to have won; and that, while Nigeria were dangerous early on against untried centre backs in Howey and Ruddock, England were in control after 20 minutes.

Like all experienced international managers, he is against trying to teach players new ideas, preferring to depend on what he knows they can already do. "The last thing that you learnt in training is the first thing you forget under pressure," he says. "If you're winning 3-0, maybe you'll remember. If you're losing 1-0, you'll forget." Unlike Graham Taylor, his predecessor, having played at this level, Venables recognises the handicap in trying to "improve" international players.

Experience persuades him that the "split" central attacking system — as Beardsley operated in the "hole" behind Lineker — is the optimum. "If you play with two up, it suits the opposition's sweeper. Ideally, I like to play with two in the hole," — as with Beardsley and Platt behind Shearer.

Ramsey's teams did just that: Hunt, and then Lee, with Bobby Charlton in behind Hurst. Ball and Peters wide, and Stiles sweeping in front of Moore and Jack Charlton. In fact, with forward runs by Cohen and Wilson from full back, it was almost the same 2-3-4-1 formation that England will use tonight.

While England now may have no equivalent to Bobby Charlton, Shearer is proving as dangerous as Hurst, and Platt, with 27 goals, is already well past the 20 of Peters. "All countries can *find* players," Venables says, "but we have to admit that the Dutch [and Germans and Italians] develop theirs better, because their coaches are good, and because they have been able to get at the players earlier. Now, at last, we have the centres of excellence, and we should improve."




Venables directing England training

Venables reluctantly equivocates on the old debate over priorities at international level: performance or result? "Of course I want to win, but the result is not the most important thing [in friendlies]," he says. "I'd rather see improvement than scrap out a victory. You do have to get results, but your instinct is for good football.

"It's no good saying 'We've got to win', because the players want to win anyway, and stressing it merely adds to the pressure to the point where they don't want the ball."

Fundamental to Venables's judgement of players is character. They have to be prepared to make sacrifices: of their time, away from home, to do what he needs them to do. "The star of the team is the team," he says. "They have to give the team a chance; to give it every opportunity."

He would like to operate more of the Latin system of a *concentración* — the exclusive, confined camp, free from extraneous interference. Not too much to ask from super-rich players seeking to achieve the ultimate honour.

Liverpool betray signs of nerves before semi-final

BY PETER BALL AND RUSSELL KEMPSON

IN THE days when Liverpool dominated English football, they liked to win the League Cup as insurance, making sure of their entry into Europe before the end of March. Times change. Instead of an insurance policy against an unexpected failure to win the championship, winning the Coca-Cola Cup is suddenly not to be taken for granted.

"I still think the league is the best way for us to get into Europe," Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, said. "With a cup competition, you can have one off-night and you can be out."

Unexceptionable sentiments, except that all that stands between Liverpool and Evans's first trophy as manager are Crystal Palace, who they meet in the first leg of their semi-final at Anfield tonight, and an Endsleigh Insurance League first division team. With due respect to south London, the idea that Liverpool should regard Palace as a real obstacle seems unlikely at first glance.

Yet Evans's caution is understandable. The last time Palace were promoted to the top flight, in 1989, they were beaten 9-0 at Anfield but went on to defeat Liverpool in the semi-final of the FA Cup that season, in the process exposing the first cracks in Kenny Dalglish's apparently invincible team.

This season, with Liverpool winning 6-1 at Selhurst Park on the opening day, there are obvious parallels. Despite Palace's lowly position in the FA Carling Premiership and the sense that the troubles of the Graeme Souness era are behind them, Liverpool are showing unexpected signs of frailty. Indeed, Evans may be facing his first real test as a manager. His side can still play exciting football, but the ruthlessness of old is missing.

Robbie Fowler and Ian Rush, unstoppable before Christmas, are finding goals hard to come by and the team as a whole have scored only five goals in nine games — Fowler and Rush contributing one apiece — as the club's traditional pass-orientated approach has begun to falter. "Sometimes we pass for the sake of it and lose sight of the purpose," Evans said.

The lack of real pace in attack and of a midfield runner, so important a part of Liverpool sides since the days of Ian Callaghan and Terry McDermott, has made it easier for defences to hold off Rush and Fowler — but, pertinently, there are also questions about Evans's employment of three central defenders.

"When you've got three centre backs, as we have with John Scales, Neil Ruddock and Phil Babb, it makes sense and it has worked well for us," Evans said, "but, unfortunately, the whole system does not revolve around those three. It's about the whole team and one or two of them are having a few problems at the moment."

The problems so far have been, principally, in attack, but, although Liverpool's defensive record, which is only one goal worse than Manchester United's, does not show it, there are also some doubts about the system's value defensively. Kevin Gallen, for example, exploited a huge gap between Scales and Ruddock to score for Queens Park Rangers on Saturday. With John Salako capable of running into similar gaps, Liverpool may need to watch him closely tonight.

Alan Smith, the Palace manager, also has his concerns, not least his side's poor league form. This evening, though, Chris Armstrong and Iain Dowie, the forwards, are unavailable. Armstrong is suspended and Dowie cup-tied, which could lead to Andy Preece moving into the vacant central striking role alongside Salako.

"On our day, we can beat anyone," Smith said. "Some of the players can be delightfully naive at times, but, if we can come through the first leg unscathed — and I've got a feeling we won't be far away — we must have a good chance of reaching Wembley. In terms of pure football, we have no problems. It's just a case of sorting out the mental part of our game."

Captain Southgate keeps Palace on course

Russell Kempson on a young skipper having to grow up quickly to cope in the top flight

An above average footballer, with above average intelligence, is a figure much in demand. Gareth Southgate, the Crystal Palace midfield player, carries such credentials and what readers of the *Croydon Advertiser* see, in his weekly "Captain's Column", is what he taps into the terminal. A review of turbulent times at Selhurst Park and a general glance at what's hot and what's not in football.

Last week, top billing was reserved for the first leg of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final against Liverpool, at Anfield tonight. As usual, without mention of lunar satellites, ailing parrots or brave lads. "Give or take the odd comma, it's all his own work," Dave McClelland, the *Advertiser* sports editor, said. "It's an intelligent column, nicely put together, and gets a good response from our readers."

Southgate, 24, is the second-youngest captain in the FA Carling Premiership — Jon Newsome, of Norwich City, is his junior by three days — and he talks and writes as he plays, in an uncomplicated, honest fashion. Yet if a touchy topic needs discussion, when the fine line between loyal player and objective author becomes smudged, he is not afraid to speak out. Last month, he received a suspended fine of two weeks' wages, handed down by Ron Noades, the Palace chairman, for airing his views to a wider audience.

"A reporter rang me up and asked for a comment on the apparent lack of funds available to the management," Southgate said. "I told him I thought we needed a new face and that the manager wasn't getting the backing he required. I knew it would be seen as a criticism of the chairman, and he was furious, but I felt it needed to be said.

"It's strange. We have freedom of speech in our society but, within football, we don't. The fine didn't really worry me. If I had lost two weeks' wages but it meant us staying in the Premiership, then it was worth it." A few days later, Iain Dowie, the Southampton striker, joined the club for £400,000.

Born in Watford, Southgate arrived at Selhurst Park via schooling in Bury, Portsmouth and Crawley, playing youth football in nearby Croydon, and with English Language, grade A, included in his batch of eight O levels. Palace eased the pain of early rejection after he was passed over by Southampton at 14, and he is now in his third full season in the side and first full term as captain.


Southgate was schooled on the pitches of Croydon. Photograph: Marc Aspland

"When I took over as skipper, it felt a bit awkward," he said. "I wasn't sure if it was right when there were older players around. At least having a good season helped. I treat the captaincy seriously and still find it hard to switch off when I'm at home; I'm continuously thinking about what's going on at the club."

At his bachelor flat in Surrey, Southgate regularly contemplates Palace's path from Endsleigh Insurance League first division champions to Premiership strugglers. Cup progress apart, the transition has been distressing for a squad long on youth and potential yet short on self-belief and confidence.

Alan Smith, the manager, has employed psychologists and punch-bags in the dressing-room in an attempt to spark life into his verbally-challenged squad. John Humphrey, the defender, has even inflicted his Frank Sinatra tapes on his colleagues before matches. All to no avail.

"Team meetings are usually quite quiet," Southgate said. "A lot of the guys are naturally reserved characters and although they've probably got something to say, some of them have only just got in the side and are worried about upsetting people.

"It's very difficult to brainwash young players into believing that they're good enough — when I was breaking through, it took me a while — but I don't think we're hard enough with one another. We've got to demand more of each other as a team.

"It's not easy, either, to explain our poor league form. Maybe it's a question of professionalism, with players not realising the responsibility of having to turn in a good performance every week. If the club gets relegated, it's possible it won't ever get back. Most of the side would break up and that would be disastrous." Liverpool provided Palace with a harsh initial taste of Premiership reality when, on the opening day of the season, they won 6-1 at Selhurst Park. "We thought we could play them off the park, just like we did to a lot of teams last season," Southgate recalled.

"We were torn apart. It was humiliating, but at least it immediately highlighted a few problems that otherwise might have gone unnoticed for weeks." Although the after-shock still lingers, a subsequent 0-0 draw at Anfield has exorcised many of the Red demons. Palace will not fail through abject fear this evening.

Even if all goes sadly wrong, Southgate can prepare for the day he takes his literary dexterity on to a higher plane. He is comfortable with television and radio, too, and would relish, *à la* Gary Lineker, a high-profile future in the media. *Croydon Advertiser* today, *Match of the Day* tomorrow. "I'm over the moon, Desmond."

'We're not hard enough. We must ask more of each other as a team'

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Auguin rides strong winds to new record

CHRISTOPHE AUGUIN, of France, the leading yachtsman in the BOC challenge solo round-the-world race, covered a record distance of 350.4 miles in 24 hours yesterday as the 60-knot winds swept across the 13-strong fleet battling across the Pacific Ocean towards Cape Horn (Barry Pickthall writes).

Auguin holds a 240-mile lead over his fellow Frenchman, Jean Luc van den Heede, after notching up a succession of 300-mile-plus days since last weekend, and now expects to round the Horn — still some 1,500 miles to the east yesterday — as early as Sunday.

Elsewhere in the fleet, however, the mood was rather less bouyant. "Not a happy day," Alan Nebauer, the Australian placed fourth in class two, reported from his position 66 miles behind Britain's Naih Vaughan. "It started off with a wave filling my sea-boots and I'm still cleaning blackberry jam off the radios, bulkheads and deck."

Robin Davie, sailing the fifth-placed British entry *Cornwall*, wished he had stayed in bed. "When the low came through, I found reefing points in the mainsail that I'd only read about in books. In the end, I dropped the sail completely, but that was a mistake for the halyard pulled out of the winch drum, ran through the mast and ended up in a heap at my feet."

Strong winds also forced the postponement of racing in the third series of round-robin trials for the America's Cup fleet off San Diego.

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Lingfield lack return on Eyles investment

THE investment of Ellis Stockbrokers Lingfield in Rodney Eyles, the world No 3, for the second half of the Super Squash League has yet to bear dividends (Colin McQuillan writes).

The Australian, one of the finest movers and most inventive shotmakers on the professional world tour, lost his third successive match for the Surrey side this week, going down 9-5, 3-9, 9-6, 9-4 in just under an hour to Nick Taylor, who is ranked nineteenth in England and 96th in the world, in a first-string match against Walker Farrimond Manchester.

Taylor was promoted from his usual third-string role because the Manchester side has had to sell off its strongest players in recent weeks to stay solvent for the rest of the season. Lingfield, by contrast, decided to spend money on Eyles in pursuit of a place in the top-four play-offs in April. He has lost to Taylor, Paul Johnson, of Rackets Club, and Mark Cairns, of Ogmore Valley Dragons, this year, sacrificing three points. His side is now five points adrift of Welsh Black Wizards, who are fourth.

"There seemed almost an element of panic about his play," Tim Garner, the Lingfield team manager, said of Eyles's latest defeat.

There was no panic at the top of the table, where Cannons Club extended their unbeaten run to 12 matches and opened up a six-point lead over ICL Lion Herts, whom they defeated 3-0 in London.

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WORD-WATCHING

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INVULTUATION
(c) The practice or act of sticking pins into a wax doll to cause pain and injury to a particular person whom the doll is designed to represent. "Well, Christine, let's see. You have tried shiatsu, aromatherapy, iridology and astrology, and they don't seem to help. The only option left would seem to be invultuation. Would you like me to arrange some of that for you?"

MALVERSATION
(b) Not, as one might reasonably suppose, an evil conversation, but improper or corrupt administration, especially when in a position of trust. The sort of sleaze that the Nolan committee is investigating. "Now, ladies, this is the first old girls' association meeting of the year, so let's get on with the agenda and leave the malversation till later."

SOFFIT
(a) An architectural term meaning the underside of an arch. The possibilities for using this term (albeit, with a little poetic licence) in relation to the human body, are too obvious — indeed, some may think, too indelicate — to be spelt out here.

BICRURAL
(a) Having two legs, from the Latin *bis* twice + *crus, cruris* a leg. "I am sorry to have to say this in front of the girls, headmistress, but I have come to regard you as bicrural and cannot be persuaded otherwise."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
1 ... Bh3! wins, e.g. 2 gxh3 (2 Bg5 Bxg2+!; 3 Kxg2 Qxg5+; 4 Kh1 Qh6 is decisive) 2 ... Qxd6 and the threat against h2 is also decisive.

Ramprakash helps to level series

England A stand one win away from tour double

By Our Sports Staff

AN INNINGS of high quality by Mark Ramprakash, whose 70 was the highest score of the match, after a tigerish display in the field, enabled the touring England A cricket team to win the second game in the three-match one-day series against India A in Ahmedabad yesterday. Having won the international series 3-0, England A will hope to complete the double with victory in the final limited-overs game, in Hyderabad tomorrow.

Victory yesterday by three wickets, with eight balls to spare, went some way towards sweetening the bad taste left by their controversial six-run defeat at Indore on Saturday. That had been England A's first tour defeat, and Alan Wells's side had been determined to bounce back.

Fine bowling and fielding, Ramprakash's anchor innings and other important contributions with the bat from David Hemp and Jason Gallian completed a comfortable win, complicated only during the last half-hour when Paul Weekes gave his wicket away, and then by what appeared to be a terrible leg-before decision against Dominic Cork.

Richard Johnson swiftly ended any doubts about the result when he came in to drive Atul Wassan straight for four and guide England A home in company with Keith Piper.

Earlier, India A had been restricted to 207 for eight from their 50 overs as Cork, Weekes, Gallian and Patel bowled well. The total was at least 20 runs short of par on a good batting pitch, a fact underlined by Hemp and Ramprakash in a positive second-wicket stand of 75.

Hemp, the left-hander, unfurled some majestic strokes in his 41, made off 53 balls, while Ramprakash steadied the side after the loss of Michael Vaughan for a duck to the second ball of the innings.

When Hemp was bowled behind his legs, aiming a careless sweep, Wells came in to help Ramprakash to add a further 50, and when Wells drove to long-off, Gallian's pugnacious approach threatened to take England swiftly to their target. Then Ramprakash nicked a catch behind to make it 160 for four, but Gallian continued to play forcefully, and it was a surprise when he was seventh out, trying for a boundary over mid-wicket. The Lancashire opener had scored 46 from 43 balls, hitting five fours and an extraordinary straight six, executed with a stiff-arm push through the ball.

The powerfully-built Gallian has been working hard to lose weight and increase his athleticism and, with his solid contribution with ball and bat, he did not look out of place in a top-quality England fielding display.

Wells said: "Having someone of Jason's ability coming in at No 5 was just the boost we needed in the middle order. He has been working very hard on his bowling and he's well aware of how important that extra string to his bow could be.

"I'm very pleased indeed with our performance. We got our focus back as individuals and as a team following Saturday's defeat. We are now looking forward to trying to win the series at Hyderabad. It will be fun playing under lights and with coloured clothing there."

SCOREBOARD

INDIA A
†S S Dighe c Piper b Cork ... 0
*V S Rathore lbw b Patel ... 26
A A Muzumdar c Ramprakash b Salisbury ... 69
R S Dravid run out ... 57
R Shamshad c Ramprakash b Weekes ... 10
A S Wassan b Weekes ... 0
R Puri c Wells b Weekes ... 3
U Chatterjee not out ... 10
P L K Mhambrey st Piper b Patel ... 10
S A Ankola not out ... 1
Extras (b 4, lb 6, w 4, nb 5) ... 19
Total (8 wkts) ... 207
K Singh did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-54, 3-151, 4-181, 5-182, 6-183, 7-190, 8-206
BOWLING: Cork 10-3-31-1; Johnson 4-0-24-0; Gallian 10-1-31-0; Patel 9-1-33-2; Weekes 10-0-35-3; Salisbury 7-0-41-1.

ENGLAND A
M P Vaughan c Chatterjee b Mhambrey 0
D L Hemp b Chatterjee ... 41
M R Ramprakash c Dighe b Ankola ... 70
*A P Wells c Ankola b Chatterjee ... 22
J E R Gallian c Rathore b Mhambrey 46
P N Weekes st Dighe b Chatterjee ... 5
D G Cork lbw b Wassan ... 1
†K J Piper not out ... 7
R L Johnson not out ... 7
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 3, nb 1) ... 9
Total (7 wkts, 48.4 overs) ... 208
I D K Salisbury, M M Patel did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-75, 3-125, 4-160, 5-183, 6-184, 7-201.
BOWLING: Mhambrey 9-1-29-2; Wassan 9.4-0-42-1; Ankola 4-0-38-1; Chatterjee 10-0-42-3; Singh 10-0-27-0; Dravid 6-0-25-0.

Intikhab dismisses corruption claims

By Simon Wilde

PAKISTAN'S cricketers were asked to swear on the Koran that they were not involved in betting before they left for their present tour of South Africa and Zimbabwe, it emerged yesterday.

The Pakistan authorities made the request in response to what were described as "ugly rumours" by Intikhab Alam, the team manager. "There was so much going on from all corners that, yes, this was done," Intikhab said yesterday in Harare, where the decisive third Test match with Zimbabwe starts today. "We just wanted to make sure because there are so many ugly rumours."

Allegations of attempted bribery and illegal betting in matches involving India and Pakistan were common long before the charges that came out of Australia in the past few days. Often, the accusations came from embittered supporters unable to come to terms with their team's defeat, and nothing has ever been proved.

Perhaps the Pakistan management should have made public its unorthodox course of action, because unexpectedly heavy Test defeats by South Africa and Zimbabwe during the past month have only led to renewed allegations of corruption. They are charges vigorously denied by Intikhab and Javed Burki, chairman of the ad hoc committee running Pakistan cricket.

"I know that we lost the first match against Zimbabwe," Intikhab said yesterday, "but we played badly in that match so we picked it up and the second Test we won in less than three days. There is no truth in it. I will keep on saying these are all false allegations unless they come out with concrete evidence."

Burki said: "I am quite confident that nobody in the Pakistan team took money to deliberately perform badly. I don't think it is possible for cricketers to throw a match. Besides, there is no one in this team who is certain of a place in the World Cup. They are all struggling, so how can they go out there and not play well?"

Burki said that he would be discussing recent bribery allegations with David Richards, chief executive of the International Cricket Council, next Monday.

Renewed strength will spur mature McColgan

By John Goodbody

A MORE mature Liz McColgan said yesterday that she is stronger than ever after recovering from the series of injuries which threatened her running career. She is, already, Britain's greatest female long-distance runner.

McColgan will be heading the British challenge at the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 2, and has been training in Florida in an attempt to recover her former dominance at the classic distance.

"I am stronger than I have ever been, and I am enjoying my running more because of what I have been through," she said.

McColgan, the 1991 world 10,000 metres champion, won the 1991 New York (2hr 27min 32sec) and 1992 Tokyo marathons (2hr 27min 38sec), before succumbing to knee troubles. She missed the whole of 1993 and most of 1994.

She admits that she ignored the advice of her husband, Peter, an international steeplechaser, to reduce the intensity of her training and paid the penalty.

"Peter was bending over backwards to try to stop me, but I did not listen to him," she said.

However, now 30, McColgan believes that she is not so closed to other people's ideas. "I know I have to pick and choose races more carefully," she said. "I am older and wiser. I can see where I went wrong and I realise how close I came to losing it all."

She said that she still had some trouble from a damaged toe, but this was something with which she would have to live for the rest of her career in athletics. The toe is not particularly painful and does not prevent her from training.

McColgan faces a stiff test in April, when the London field will include Katrin Dörre, the winner for the last three years, Lisa Ondieki, the runner-up in 1993 and 1994, and Manuela Machado, from Portugal, who won the European title last year.

McColgan then hopes to run the 10,000 metres at the world championships in Gothenburg, before concentrating entirely on the marathon in 1996, first in London and then at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

McColgan has been training in Florida for the last month and will return to the United States today. She will compete in the prestigious Gasparilla 15-kilometre road race on Saturday and then continue her preparation for April 2. She said that she was now doing a higher mileage than in 1991, but she believed that she was structuring her training better than before.

"I went from race to race," she said. "I tried to do the indoors, outdoors, cross-country and roads, as well as training."


DES JENSON
McColgan, claiming to be stronger than ever, announced her plans in London yesterday

Thomson's moment of luck ends Welsh challenge

By Gordon Allan

GARY SMITH and Andy Thomson, the winning partnership two years ago and runners-up last year, qualified for the quarter-finals of the Churchill Insurance world indoor bowls pairs championship yesterday with a hard-earned 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 7-2 victory over Colin Piper and Islwyn Morgan, of Wales, at the Preston Guild Hall.

Morgan, who at 68 is the oldest man in the event, and Piper levelled the match by taking the second set after Johnson had missed an open draw for a set lie of three shots at 4-3. In the third set, the Port Talbot pair conceded four shots on the first end, but had a set lie at 6-6 before Thomson fired at the head and emerged with the shot when the jack ran through to one of his back bowls.

The fourth set, however, proved an anticlimax. It was as though Piper and Morgan had been unsettled by the fortuitous result of Thomson's strike.

Thomson said: "The Welsh pair told us they had not been doing well in practice, but they bowled very well today. My drive in the third set was an all-or-nothing shot. I was hoping to burn the end. Getting the shot was a bonus." Smith and Thomson now play Hugh Duff and David Miller, of Scotland.

Six pairs games on Monday took 17 hours 40 minutes to complete, with the last of them, in which Duff and Miller beat Ian Taylor and Stephen Glasson, of Australia, ending at 2.45 yesterday morning.

Cameron Curtis and Ian Schuback, of Australia, the holders, play Peter Johnson and Mike Kent, of Wales, in the last match of the first round on Saturday.

The singles began yesterday with Alex Marshall, of Edinburgh, defeating Peter Mutter, of London Ontario, 7-0, 6-7, 7-0, 7-4, taking only two ends to win the first set and three ends to win the third. The match would have been over in three sets if Marshall had not squandered a 6-1 lead in the second.

Willie Wood, the popular Scottish bowler, became the first seed to be elminated when Neil Burkett, from Cape Town, made an excellent recovery to win 1-7, 7-5, 3-7, 7-1, 7-5.

Burkett's play was extremely wayward at the start, but he tightened things up in skilful fashion, and deserved his success. This was his first experience of the sets game, of which he expressed unqualified approval.

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Sharks endeavour to avert slump

By Nicholas Harling

THE main question to be answered by basketball's National Cup semi-finals this week will not be "can the Leopards and Birmingham Bullets maintain their first-leg leads?" but "have Sheffield Sharks cracked?"

The Sharks' past three games suggest that all is not well with the Budweiser League leaders, whose only previous reverses this season had been to Doncaster Panthers in the league on September 25 and in the 7-Up Trophy final against Thames Valley Tigers last month.

The Sharks recovered well enough from losing the home leg against the Bullets last week by overcoming Worthing Bears on Saturday, only to lose at home to Manchester Giants on Sunday. The signs are there that the league coaches who, at Christmas, forecast a Sheffield slump are about to be proved right.

The compensation of a cup final appearance on March 5, in the Sheffield Arena, a stone's throw from their own court at Ponds Forge, will also vanish should the Sharks fail to make up their one-point deficit against the Bullets in the National Indoor Arena on Friday. Jim Brandon, the coach of the Yorkshire club, sees no reason they should not progress.

"We allowed the Birmingham defeat to happen," he said. "Mentally we just weren't there. If we had to lose a game, that was the one because we have a second chance."

The winners of that tie will know their final opponents, as the Leopards complete their tie against the Tigers at Bracknell tonight. The London team will be expecting another significant tally from their new signing, DeCarlo Deveaux, a 6ft 5in Bahamian.

After making a nervous start to the first leg last week, Deveaux contributed 13 points to his team's six-point success and improved on that the next night, top-scoring with 28 points in the league victory over Derby Bucks.

COURAGE FIRST XV

COURAGE BEST WEEKLY SCORE

With an unusually high proportion of points coming from low-rated kickers on Saturday, selectors needed one or more of just seven scoring forwards to get any sort of score at all. Mrs P Saverimutto's team, Savvy Superstars, included no fewer than four of those forwards and their score of 738 rated points not only takes this week's prize but also lifts them to second place in the leader table.

Mrs Saverimutto will no doubt be as pleased with her performance as her son Chris was when his team, Sale, beat Northampton on Saturday. She wins two cases of Courage Best and a fully-installed BT Satellite system. Her nominated club is Oldershaw RFC. They win five cases of Courage beer, a Courage Best England shirt and a ball signed by the England team.

Still leading overall is Mr Steve Blake, who informs us, with a touch of irony, that his own club, Marlow RFC in Buckinghamshire, ousted him as chairman of selectors at the start of this season.

THE LEADING 50 ENTRIES OVERALL

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Who Ate The Pies	Mr Steve Blake	580	4467
2 Savvy Superstars	Mrs P Saverimutto	738	4324
3 Toppers X V	P Gorring	342	4163
4 Aura Fidelis	Maj A McCubbin	530	4147
5 Neatly Gnomes	RW Eeles	693	4074
6 Gosforth To Go U	Mr I Sadd	693	4074
7 Fish City XV	Mr P Hyland	268	4004
8 Crash Ball Viper	Mr D Edwards	480	3884
9 Baby In Waiting	Mr Gary Pierce	189	3841
10 Wabe's Wanderers	Mr MC Wabe	623	3820
11 The Old Town Clc	Mr A Sykes	523	3818
12 Linden	Mr A Newbold	333	3816
13 Mels Flying XV	Mr M Horton	180	3784
14 Massers Marauder	Mr Tim Masser	590	3775
15 Kirsty's Dream	Ms M Carter	310	3747
16 The Welsh Exiles	Mr E G Shedbard	343	3724
17 Bia's Giants	Mr Patrick Amertage	433	3691
18 No team name		523	3689
19 Pendean	Mr JTO Jones	135	3675
20 No team name	Mr D MacNally	538	3670
21 S Calver XV	Mr Simon Calver	300	3660
22 The Cobblers	Mr T Harrison	360	3648
23 Grimseys Gritters	Mr G Neal	250	3625
24 DLSP RFC	Mr M McCrum	196	3622
25 Barneys Bowmen	Mr AK Jackinson	177	3611
26 Storming Norms	Mr Duncan Cross	440	3605
27 Golf Exiles 1st	Mr Richard Bayford	693	3604
28 Pyle Pirates	Mr CL Barclay	183	3604
29 Price Warriors	J Richards	515	3575
30 Blue And Whites	Mr D Brook	323	3573
31 Ice Cool Evil	Ms N Dobson	521	3567
32 The Random Punts	Miss LM Dawson	315	3545
33 James Third	Mr JR Lyons	418	3536
34 Walham Fifteen	Mr Simon Stone	400	3535
35 Newcastle Brown	GS Brown	433	3529
36 Notts One	Mr Justin Nott	12	3527
37 Ll Wanderers	Mr Christopher Jones	285	3520
38 Real Zaragoza	Mr R Griffiths	355	3515
39 Pointophobes XV	Dr E George	138	3510
40 Difficultshire	HLB Etherton	135	3485
41 Leeds Corinthian	Mr J Somers	558	3480
42 Old Bonseroclians	Mr R Sidvington	198	3479
43 The Vice Squad	Mr AJ Pick	573	3473
44 Bollois De Chien	Mr B Rowland	480	3465
45 The Proffessions	Mr C Vincent	373	3463
46 Super Side Steps	Mr Andrew Steckbeck	268	3460
47 Holden's Extra D	J Holden	213	3459
48 Black Bustis	R Turney	523	3458
49 Wasp Swaps	Mr D Stratton-Thomsett	526	3455
50 Directors Team	Mr David Nelson	443	3454

THE LEADING 30 FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE SEASON

Pos Team name	(Selector)	Week points	Cum points
1 Walst	Mrs E Howard	535	2021
2 Humbug Players	Mr Mick Nicholas	573	1929
3 Bernies Not Andre	Mr Steve Smith	305	1697
4 Fluffy 15	Mr Richard Homer	327	1680
5 Steves 2nd 15	Mr S Cawley	303	1519
6 Cherage	Mr A Sillitoe	353	1479
7 Morgenbeaters	ML Jones	180	1461
8 Ty Coch Devils	EG Shepherd	648	1422
9 No team name	Mr David Nelson	595	1402
10 More Jones Boys	ML Jones	183	1399
11 Highbury Casuals	CJ Ormsby	450	1396
12 Savy Superstars	Mr JLR Saverimutto	405	1369
13 No team name	Mrs CAV Sherman	513	1334
14 The Fat Boys	D Spencer	575	1327
15 The Army 3	Mr A Charles	550	1325
16 The Profiteers	A Cashmore	623	1318
17 Kings Head Babes	Mr JP O'Mahoney	265	1315
18 Amies Aces	Ms Ruth Wilkinson	668	1313
19 Saxlach Sports	RH Scriven	475	1304
20 Greens Giants	Mr J R Green	403	1294
21 Bucks Zimbabween	N Mc Hale	540	1284
22 The Army 1	Mr A Charles	328	1284
23 Trying Times XX	RA Bros	310	1276
24 Sheepwash Second	Mr D Worthington	673	1266
25 Beating The Boun	HLB Etherton	695	1260
26 Telnel	Mr T Kennedy	433	1257
27 Deglocks	Mr Peter Smith	348	1252
28 Krebshire	B Wilson	48	1244
29 Sidney's Select	Mr G Pennock	523	1237
30 Whitwell	CI Richards	523	1224

NOTES:
1. The 15 new players with code numbers of 301 and above are in the second-half game only.
2. The scores from any matches postponed during this part of the season will count in the table published on the first Wednesday after they are eventually played. The weekly prize will therefore be awarded on the basis of the scores printed in each weekly points table.
3. Any queries relating to any aspect of The Times Courage First XV should be addressed to the organisers at PO Box 600, Luton, LU2 0NZ, phone 0582-457444

THE SCORES FROM LAST SATURDAY'S LEAGUE GAMES AND CUMULATIVE POINTS TOTALS

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
15. FULL BACK					
LEAGUE 1					
1 J CALLARD	2½	5	12	214	54
2 P HULL	11	0	0	55	0
3 M MAPLETOFT	4½	0	0	340	98
4 D PEARS	15	0	0	0	0
5 W KILFORD	17	0	0	85	85
6 I HUNTER	13	0	0	65	0
7 S TABERNER	18	0	0	0	0
8 J MALLINDER	13	0	0	234	68
9 A BUZZA	17	0	0	0	0
LEAGUE 2					
10 K OLPHANT	6½	0	0	312	0
11 R GEE	16	0	0	0	0
12 A PARKER	5½	3	16	388	48
13 R HENNESSY	19	0	0	285	0
14 D MILLARD	16	0	0	240	0
15 C DOSSETT	17	0	0	85	0
16 S MASON	6½	8	48	804	198
17 M GALLAGHER	7½	9	63	574	140
18 A TUNNINGLEY	4½	5	20	482	52
19 M JACKSON	5½	3	15	645	140
20 S SWINDELLS	4½	3	12	412	60
14. RIGHT WING					
21 A SWIFT	10	0	0	200	50
22 D JOHN	12	0	0	60	0
23 P HOLFORD	14	0	0	280	0
24 J KEYTER	16	0	0	80	0
25 T UNDERWOOD	10	0	0	180	0
26 H THORNEYCROFT	15	0	0	0	0
27 J NAYLOR	12	0	0	120	60
28 S VERBICKAS	7	0	0	105	0
29 P HOPLEY	11	0	0	185	55
30 O EVANS	12	0	0	60	0
31 S EVANS	14	0	0	0	0
32 B HANAVAN	6½	0	0	135	0
33 M CORCORAN	6½	0	0	880	0
34 T WATSON	10	0	0	0	0
35 D HANSON	12	0	0	0	0
36 D CASADO	13	0	0	65	0
37 R BYROM	14	0	0	0	0
38 M KEMP	16	0	0	0	0
39 K MORLEY	13	0	0	195	0
40 G MEREDITH	14	0	0	0	0
301 S BARDEN	13	0	0	0	0
302 D PAYNE	12	0	0	0	0
13. OUTSIDE CENTRE					
41 P DE GLANVILLE	13	0	0	130	0
42 A SAVERIMUTTO	9	0	0	0	0
43 B MASLEN	17	0	0	0	0
44 G THOMPSON	16	0	0	240	0
45 I BATES	17	0	0	0	0
46 K MORGAN	16	0	0	0	0
47 S LANGFORD	7½	6	42	490	265
48 J BAXENDELL	17	0	0	284	85
49 D HOPLEY	14	0	0	420	0
50 A ELWINE	22	0	0	220	110
303 D EDWARDS	17	0	0	0	0
51 M CURTIS	23	0	0	0	0
52 P SEED	19	0	0	0	0
53 R HENDERSON	19	5	95	570	95
54 M SLY	22	0	0	0	0
55 J BONNEY	20	0	0	0	0
56 R WILKINSON	13	0	0	260	0
57 A FURLEY	22	0	0	330	0
58 J BUCKTON	18	0	0	270	90
59 A METCALFE	22	0	0	110	0
60 A NORTHEY	23	0	0	115	0
12. INSIDE CENTRE					
61 J GUSCOTT	18	0	0	0	0
62 R KNIBBS	13	0	0	0	0
63 S MORRIS	18	0	0	360	0
64 W CARLING	12	0	0	60	0
65 S POTTER	13	0	0	0	0
66 N BEAL	8	0	0	0	0
67 I WYNN	14	0	0	280	0
68 G STOCKS	17	5	85	340	170
69 G CHILDS	16	5	80	320	80
70 P HODDER	15	0	0	375	75
71 M LAKEY	12	0	0	132	0
72 S GOUGH	17	0	0	255	170
73 S BURNS	14	0	0	0	0
74 R ERIKSSON	15	0	0	180	0
75 A KERR	7½	0	0	195	112
76 M TETLOW	20	5	100	155	100
77 S MUSTO	21	0	0	105	0
78 S RAVENSCROFT	19	0	0	0	0
79 P WHITE	20	0	0	100	100
80 A HANDLEY	13	0	0	0	0
11. LEFT WING					
81 S GEOGHEGAN	10	0	0	180	100
82 S CROSSLAND	12	0	0	0	0
83 T SMITH	5½	0	0	75	0
84 D O'LEARY	7	0	0	35	0
85 R UNDERWOOD	11	0	0	0	0
86 C MOIR	14	0	0	0	0
87 P HAMER	13	0	0	189	104
88 M APPLESON	16	0	0	180	0
89 S HUNTER	14	0	0	140	0
90 D COOKE	14	0	0	70	0
91 D WOODMAN	11	0	0	0	0
92 G ANDERTON	15	0	0	156	0
93 V ROLANDI	12	0	0	0	0
94 S WICHARY	9	0	0	171	0
95 E ANDERSON	14	0	0	140	140
96 T PENN	12	5	60	300	120
97 A SMALLWOOD	9	0	0	45	0
98 P HARRIES	12	0	0	300	60
99 R THOMPSON	13	0	0	280	65
100 S GREENHALGH	16	0	0	80	60
304 B POWIS	14	0	0	0	0
305 N ROBINSON	14	0	0	0	0
10. STAND OFF					
101 M CATT	10	0	0	250	0
102 M TAINTON	2½	5	10	292	46
103 L OSBORNE	10	9	90	130	90
104 P CHALLINOR	7½	9	63	585	168
105 J HARRIS	2½	3	6	296	64
106 P GRAYSON	3½	9	27	393	69
107 G AINSCOUGH	6½	0	0	68	0
108 P TURNER	3½	7	21	252	69
109 R ANDREW	2½	0	0	206	12
110 J STABLER	6½	0	0	50	0
111 R ANGELL	5½	0	0	375	75
112 I BARCLAY	17	0	0	323	0
113 O COBBE	22	0	0	572	508
114 M WALKER	5½	0	0	370	78
115 S HODGKINSON	5½	9	45	495	45
116 I CHANDLER	9½	0	0	45	0
117 N CARROLL	12	0	0	36	36
118 A LEE	13	0	0	289	0
119 R PETYT	10	0	0	80	0
120 N RYAN	24	0	0	720	264
9. SCRUM HALF					
121 I SANDERS	16	0	0	80	0
122 K BRACKEN	13	0	0	0	0
123 B FENLEY	15	0	0	0	0
124 R KITCHIN	18	0	0	0	0
125 A KARDOONI	19	0	0	95	0
126 M DAWSON	16	0	0	80	0
127 D MORRIS	12	0	0	120	90
128 C SAVERIMUTTO	22	0	0	0	0
129 S BATES	15	0	0	80	80
130 J WRIGLEY	14	0	0	0	0
131 M DOUGLAS	22	0	0	330	0
132 C O'TOOLE	23	0	0	115	0
133 R SAUNDERS	19	0	0	95	0
134 K TROUP	23	0	0	483	0
135 G BECCONSALL	20	0	0	0	0
136 S DOUGLAS	14	5	70	140	140
137 A ROYER	24	0	0	0	0
138 E DAVIES	18	0	0	0	0
139 D SCULLY	16	0	0	128	0
140 S WRIGHT	25	0	0	250	125
1. LOOSE HEAD PROP					
141 D HILTON	33	0	0	0	0
142 A SHARP	41	0	0	0	0
143 A WINDO	30	0	0	0	0
144 J LEONARD	35	0	0	0	0
145 G ROWNTREE	37	0	0	0	0
146 M HYNES	48	0	0	0	0
147 P WINSTANLEY	38	0	0	114	0
148 P SMITH	46	0	0	0	0
149 G HOLMES	37	0	0	0	0
150 P LANCASTER	44	0	0	0	0
151 G TREOILGAS	46	0	0	0	0
152 C BURNS	44	0	0	0	0
153 N DONOVAN	35	0	0	0	0
154 A STEWART	45	0	0	0	0
155 M LINNETT	30	0	0	150	0
156 M FRASER	39	0	0	0	0
157 M FREER	46	0	0	0	0
158 R ANDREWS	37	0	0	0	0
159 R SZABO	38	0	0	0	0
160 S PETERS	39	0	0	0	0
306 F WISEMAN	44	0	0	0	0
307 R FULLER	35	0	0	0	0
2. HOOKERS					
161 G DAWE	34	0	0	0	0
162 M REGAN	40	0	0	200	0
163 D KEARSEY	38	0	0	0	0
164 B MOORE	35	0	0	175	0
165 R COCKERILL	38	0	0	0	0
166 A CLARKE	40	0	0	0	0
167 T REDMOND	39	0	0	0	0
168 S DIAMOND	33	0	0	0	0
169 K DUNN	38	0	0	0	0
170 S MITCHELL	31	0	0	0	0
171 D ADDLETON	46	0	0	0	0
172 A MOFFAT	47	0	0	0	0
173 R KELLAM	39	0	0	0	0
174 L MAIR	42	0	0	0	0
175 D BALL	36	0	0	0	0
176 A HETHERINGTON	33	5	165	495	330
177 D WEST	28	0	0	290	140
178 G BOTTERMAN	41	0	0	0	0
179 T GARNETT	37	0	0	185	0
180 M HAYTON	46	0	0	0	0
308 M DIXON	36	0	0	0	0
3. TIGHT HEAD PROP					
181 V UBOGU	20	0	0	0	0
182 D HINKINS	41	0	0	0	0
183 A DEACON	32	0	0	0	0
184 A MULLINS	39	0	0	0	0
185 D GARFORTH	35	0	0	0	0
186 C ALLEN	40	0	0	0	0
187 J CUNDICK	44	0	0	0	0
188 A SMITH	40	0	0	0	0
189 I DUNSTAN	37	0	0	185	0
190 D RUSBY	46	0	0	0	0
191 R HARDWICK	39	0	0	0	0
192 S RIGBY	49	0	0	0	0
193 G HALPIN	36	0	0	180	0
194 P BURNELL	42	0	0	0	0
195 N WEBBER	45	0	0	0	0
196 P VANZANDVLIET	32	5	160	320	160
197 A JACKSON	36	0	0	0	0
198 S WILSON	38	0	0	190	190
199 S MCMAIN	39	0	0	0	0
200 M BECKETT	38	0	0	0	0
4. LOCK RH					
201 N REDMAN	30	0	0	0	0
202 S SHAW	37	0	0	0	0
203 R WEST	41	0	0	0	0
204 A SNOW	30	0	0	0	0
205 M JOHNSON	32	0	0	320	0
206 N EDWARDS	36	0	0	0	0
207 C COOPER	37	0	0	0	0
208 D BALDWIN	31	0	0	155	0
209 R KINSEY	35	0	0	175	0
210 J DIXON	34	0	0	0	0
211 J HYDE	48	0	0	0	0
212 P O'NEIL	46	0	0	0	0
213 C HALL	42	0	0	0	0
214 A NISBET	40	0	0	0	0
215 G WATSON	36	0	0	0	0
216 J FOWLER	40	0	0	0	0
217 D HINDMARCH	48	0	0	0	0
218 M LANGLEY	43	0	0	0	0
219 S CROFT	40	0	0	0	0
220 P WHITE	46	0	0	240	0
5. LOCK LH					
221 A REED	38	0	0	0	0
222 A BLACKMORE	35	0	0	0	0
223 D SIMS	36	0	0	180	0
224 B DAVISON	40	0	0	0	0
225 M POOLE	34	0	0	0	0
226 M BAYFIELD	32	0	0	0	0
227 C CUSANI	40	0	0	0	0
228 R MCCARTNEY	30	0	0	0	0
229 N HADLEY	32	0	0	0	0
230 K WESTGARTH	46	0	0	0	0
309 J FOWLER	32	0	0	180	180
231 R MACKIE	37	0	0	0	0
232 J TAYLOR	36	0	0	0	0
233 A HIGGINS	38	0	0	180	0
234 R SCOTT	40	0	0	0	0
235 S LLOYD	38	0	0	0	0
236 G ARCHER	40	0	0	400	0
237 C GRAY	42	0	0	0	0
238 M BURROW	44	0	0	0	0
239 D FALKINGHAM	46	0	0	0	0
240 N ALLOTT	45	0	0	0	0
310 M BRIGHT	38	0	0	0	0

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP

PLAYER	RATING	ACTUAL PTS	RATED PTS	CUM PTS	CUM PTS 2ND HALF
6. BLIND SIDE FLANKER					
241 S OJOMOH	21	0	0	0	0
242 I PATTEN	24	0	0	120	0
243 P GLANVILLE	27	0	0	0	0
244 T COKER	25	0	0	0	0
245 J WELLS	24	0	0	0	0
246 P WALTON	22	0	0	0	0
247 P MANLEY	29	0	0	0	0
248 M KENRICK	18	0	0	0	0
249 M GREENWOOD	27	0	0	135	0
250 D MITCHELL	33	0	0	165	165
251 L CROFTS	34	0	0	0	0
252 G RUSSELL	34	0	0	0	0
253 J SHARKEY	29	0	0	0	0
254 I MORRISON	32	0	0	160	0
255 R POLL	29	0	0	145	0
256 M CORRY	20	0	0	200	0
257 N MERRY	30	0	0	0	0
258 J GREEN	28	5	140	580	140
259 P STEWART	32	0	0	160	0
260 D BLYTH	24	0	0	0	0
311 P IRONS	24	0	0	0	0
312 D WRIGHT	25	0	0	0	0
7. OPEN SIDE FLANKER					
261 J HALL	23	0	0	230	0
262 D EVES	20	0	0	500	0
263 I SMITH	28	0	0	0	0
264 R JENKINS	27	0	0	0	0
265 N BACK	13	0	0	0	0
266 D MERLIN	29	0	0	0	0
267 S BIBBY	26	0	0	0	0
268 N ASHURST	30	5	150	450	150
269 L DALLAGLIO	27	5	135	675	270
270 A BROWN	29	0	0	145	0
271 J HORROBIN	32	0	0	160	0
272 I ASHTON	33	0	0	165	0
273 P NEARY	29	0	0	0	0
274 I DIXON	30	0	0	0	0
275 M ORD	25	0	0	0	0
276 N FRANKLAND	25	0	0	0	0
277 G REES	35	0	0	0	0
278 R HILL	16	0	0	80	80
279 J GRIFFITHS	34	0	0	0	0
280 P BUCKTON	33	0	0	330	0
313 B ROBINSON	24	0	0	0	0
8. NO 8					
281 B CLARKE	14	0	0	70	0
282 C BARROW	21	0	0	0	0
283 M NICHOLLS	22	0	0	0	0
284 C SHEASBY	20	0	0	200	0
285 D RICHARDS	18	0	0	0	0
286 T RODBER	16	0	0	160	80
287 D CLEARY	16	0	0	0	0
288 C VYVYAN	22	0	0	440	0
289 D RYAN	19	0	0	95	0
290 M WATSON	20	0	0	300	0
291 K HICKEY	16	0	0	0	0
292 M GREATOREX	21	0	0	0	0
293 C BIRD	17	10	170	170	170
294 D LECKIE	22	0	0	0	0
295 W HART	25	0	0	0	0
296 R ARNOLD	18	5	90	270	180
297 M BRADLEY	16	0	0	80	0
298 A DIPROSE	19	0	0	190	0
299 M SOWERBY	27	0	0	0	0
300 S BEELEY	29	0	0	145	0
314 R WAINWRIGHT	14	0	0	0	0
315 S OWEN	21	0	0	0	0

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Evans leaves a sluggish Underwood behind on his way to scoring "that" try in the five nations' championship match at Cardiff two years ago. Photograph: Mike Hewitt

Welsh passion will try Underwood



David Hands finds the fleet-footed England wing hopeful of filling a void in his enviable scoring record

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP



Rory Underwood has left his trademark all over the world — the searing pace, the dive for the corner as yet another international try goes down in the ledger. There have been 41 of them, from Murrayfield to Athletic Park, Wellington, New Zealand, but with one outstanding omission — at Cardiff Arms Park, against Wales.

On Saturday, Underwood will attempt to repair that omission, on his sixth visit with England in the five nations' championship. He may not have many more opportunities. At 31 and after 71 caps, the years are not on his side, though the flying wing, the holder of England's try-scoring record and second place (behind David Campese's 60) in the world rankings, insists that retirement is not on the agenda — yet.

He has tried it once, in 1992, only to find the decision premature. "I set myself goals and at present it's the World Cup this summer," he said. "After that, I'll think again. I'm enjoying my rugby and, with the team playing as well as it is, there is every chance that not only my career, but those of others, will be prolonged."

Nor does Underwood, the most phlegmatic of players, worry about his try-scoring record at Cardiff. It is just as well. This week, a new television promotion for the match has appeared on BBC Wales, set to the tune of *Delilah* and featuring drab-grey Englishmen alongside brilliant-red Welshmen. Inevitably, a centre-piece of the trailer is "that" try by Ieuan Evans two years ago.

Do England need reminding? Of how Emyr Lewis pushed a speculative kick across field, behind Underwood, of the Englishman's sluggish turn in defence as Evans, unseen, hared past him, kicked on and followed through to the line for the critical score in a 10-9 victory?

The ingredients are in place again. Wales have Evans and Lewis back after injuries, hoping to expose a softer underbelly than England have so far displayed this season.

"What happened in 1993 has been talked about and answered," Underwood said. "I have no worries. In my whole career — 12 seasons now — I have made several mistakes and two of them happened at Cardiff." The first was the match in 1989 when the misunderstanding between Underwood and Jonathan Webb, the England full back, led to a delayed pass, a Welsh boot to the loose ball and a try for Mike Hall that helped Wales to their 12-9 victory. That, too, was the subject for a BBC Wales trailer, in 1993, conveniently omitting the year of 1991 in which England's 28-year-old Cardiff bogey was finally laid.

Underwood admits that scoring at Cardiff has crossed his mind. He did so for the Barbarians against the 1984 Australians, but his international tally comprises Twickenham (25), Paris (four), Lansdowne Road, Sydney and Suva (three each), Murrayfield, Brisbane and Wellington (one each).

"In the context of scoring a try at Cardiff before I stop playing, it doesn't worry me, though obviously I would be delighted to contribute to a winning game," he said. "But it's not one of my favourite grounds. It was one of the first horseshoe stadiums and the sun doesn't reach all parts of the playing surface. I can't remember playing there when it hasn't been wet. Even if there has been no rain, the dew has been on the ground and it has always seemed damp."

By virtue of their position, wings depend substantially upon the service of others, and, of Underwood's five previous visits, only in 1991 did the side go to Cardiff with the necessary mental attitude. History records that, on 33 visits to the Arms Park, England have won only eight times; during Underwood's career, England have achieved the grand total of two tries against five by Wales.

"In 1991, we had a great deal of experience, especially in the forwards," Underwood said. "This time, even with the young lads coming through, there is a good, strong mental spirit. A lot of the groundwork for this season was done in South Africa last year.

"The 30 players who went got stuck into a tour which could have gone downhill rapidly, given the results that went against us. But, for the first time in my experience, no split developed between the midweek and the Saturday side and the youngsters came on in leaps and bounds. For that reason, I don't think we will lose on Saturday because we lack the mental ability to win.

"If Wales play better than us and win, fair enough, but there will be no absence of application. It has to be 100 per cent concentration. Two years ago, I don't think the whole XV was completely focussed on the game, for whatever reason — the forthcoming Lions tour, the conclusion of some distinguished careers.

"This time, all the experienced players, after two indifferent seasons, are looking forward to doing well and they have the young blood to help them."

That includes Tony, the younger Underwood, who has acquired six tries this season to his brother's three, all before Christmas. Perhaps, this time, one member of the family, at least, can etch his name on the scoring chart.

RADIO CHOICE

Opening the floodgates

Destination America. *Radio 4, 2.45pm.*

The first interview in Christopher Cook's series ends in tears. I have a feeling there will be more weeping in the weeks ahead as Cook continues opening the floodgates of memory for some of the immigrants who arrived in the United States from Europe early this century. They were unprepared for what might happen to them, but were sustained by the belief that, even though they did not believe the streets were paved with gold, they would at least taste the unfamiliar fruit of freedom. The remarkable thing about the story of Polish-born Lawrence Meinwald is that when his family disembarked at Ellis Island, the immigration station in the Statue of Liberty's shadow, their fate depended on a shaving cut on his father's face.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*

This all-Italian night — a Rossini dance from *William Tell*, Respighi's *Feste Romane* and Verdi's *Four Sacred Pieces* — also includes Paganini's Violin Concerto No 1. Michael Rabin is the soloist. As the performance is a recording, there was no chance of his repeating what Paganini himself is said to have done. Like some demented magician, he produced a pair of scissors, cut through three of the strings, and finished the rest of the concerto on the G string. Such platform histrionics earned him the sobriquet of the violinist in league with the Devil. Compared with Paganini, the flamboyant Liszt was a model of decorum.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Bruno Brookes 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Lisa L'Anson, including at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Goodier, including at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session: Weezer and Electrafixion 9.00 Bits from Last Week's Radio 10.00 Mark Radcliffe Midnight Claire Sturgess

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2: Popeluc Trio and fiddle player Lucy Castle 8.00 Womanlolk: Heather Heywood 8.30 Barbershop Style 9.00 Anita Bhalla's Across Two Cultures: theatre director Jatinder Verma 9.30 Nigel Ogden 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme 8.35 The Magazine, including at 10.35 Euronews; 11.15 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Liz Barclay with Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 5.05 Gary Linaker's Football Night: Republic of Ireland v England; Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, first leg, between Liverpool and Crystal Palace 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am Night Moves 2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am Maurice Dee, Carol McGiffin 10.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Raeburn 3.00 Tommy Boyd 7.00 Samantha Meah, Sean Bolger 10.00 Caesar the Geezer 1.00am Al Kelly

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 News 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 *Jean de Florette* 7.38 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 Early Versions 8.30 Megamix 9.00 News 9.05 Business Report 9.15 Country Style 9.30 What's News? 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 The Life of Numbers 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 *Jean de Florette* 2.45 Good Books 3.00 News 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Quote, Unquote 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.05 Business Report 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Hauta Aktuell 7.00 News 7.05 Outlook 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 News 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Sport 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Multitrack: X-Press 12.00 News 12.15am The Greenfield Collection 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Farming 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sport 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert: See Choice 10.00 Mark Griffiths 1.00am Robert Booth

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Paul Coyle 11.00 Nick Abbot 2.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Modern Art: Salons and Academic Training **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Augusta Holmes (Overture for a Comedy); Glinka (Kamarinskaya); Vitali (Ciaccona); Elgar (Four Dances); **8.25** Purcell *Portfolio*: Purcell (A selection of songs); **8.35** Dohnányi (Variations on a Nursery Song)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Berlioz. A programme with Shakespearean connections
10.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe. Fauré/Messager (Souvenirs de Bayreuth); Handel (Sonata in A, Op 1 No 3); Elizabeth Maconchy (Symphony for double string orchestra); **10.40** Wieniawski (Légende in G minor, Op 17); Palestrina (Missa Dum complerentur); **11.20** Rossini (Duetto); Schubert (Fantasy in F minor, D940)
12.00 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Grant Llewellyn (r)
1.00pm Concert Hall: Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Joan Rodgers, soprano, Roger Vignoles, piano
2.00 Schools: Together: An Assembly for Schools **2.20** Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Dig It **2.40** Drama Workshop
3.00 Record Review, with Anthony Burton (r)
4.00 Choral Evensong, live from Ely Cathedral
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
6.00 Rush Hour Concert: Hausmusik performs chamber music on period instruments
7.00 In Tune: The second part of this evening's programme
7.30 Tippett: Visions of Paradise. Live from the Barbican Hall, London. Nigel Robson, tenor; London Sinfonietta under Elgar Howarth performs Tippett (Songs for Dov); Steve Martland (American Invention); **8.30** I Am All Imagination: The music of Sir Michael Tippett; **8.50** Tippett (Concerto for Orchestra)
9.15 Buongiorno, Tenore! John Dobson talks about his 35 years at Covent Garden
9.40 Phantasm Plays Telemann: Trios: No 10 in B minor; No 9 in G; No 12 in E minor
10.45 Night Waves: Lisa Jardine reports on a forthcoming exhibition of work by the painter Willem de Kooning
11.30-12.30am Ensemble: Mayumi Seller, violin, Caroline Palmer, piano, perform Smetana (From the Homeland); Janáček (Violin Sonata); Schubert (Fantasy in C, D934)
1.00-1.40 Night School: Listen and Read **1.20** Verseplay

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 7.25, 8.25** Sport **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Midweek
10.00-10.30 News; Act Your Age (FM only): Milestone ages in life
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 Something Understood (LW only): A spiritual anthology
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time from Formby (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Rent: The second series of Lucy Flannery's sitcom **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Some of My Best Friends Are Dolphins: Marianne Carey's light comedy is about a meeting of opposites. With James MacPherson, Deirdre Davis
2.45 Destination America: See Choice
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley reviews the new film version of *Black Beauty*
4.45 Short Story: Charlotte's Hobby. Rachel Atkins reads a story by Pamela Smith
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Counterpoint (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts
7.45 Medicine Now (r)
8.15 Big Bang
8.45 America Atomica: John Slater looks at America's nuclear waste disposal problem
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: News from Nowhere, by William Morris. Read by David Burke (3/5) (r)
11.00 The Lion in the Sand: A Corner of England (r)
11.30-12.00 Jeremy Hardy Speaks to the Nation (FM only): Comedy series (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament (LW)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102. VIRGIN: MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. TALK RADIO: MW 1089, 1053kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

Hingis moves nearer meeting with Graf

WITH Steffi Graf and Mary Pierce, the top seeds, having received first-round byes, 14-year-old Martina Hingis was the centre of attention yesterday at the Paris indoor tournament where she upset the rankings with a victory in straight sets over Katerina Maleeva.

Hingis, who is No 68 in the world, won 6-4, 6-4 against the experienced Bulgarian, who is ranked 38 places higher but is searching vainly for the form which once propelled her to No 6.

There was nothing spectacular about Hingis's performance and both players made some elementary errors. But the young Swiss prodigy showed great resolution and hit back from 0-2 to 5-2 in the second set. Maleeva was her own worst enemy, losing concentration on vital points as she complained about movements in the crowd and flash photography.

She also had to contend with some controversial decisions. One of these came at 4-4 in the first set when Maleeva, serving at 40-15, had a line call overruled by the umpire. She vented her frustration by screaming abuse at the official and, later, by slamming the ball at the backstop.

Hingis now plays the winner of a match between two French players, last year's finalist, Julie Halard, and Sarah Pitkowski. If she comes through, she could well play Graf for a place in the semi-finals.

Mystery surrounds absent Garrett

BY PHIL YATES

MYSTERY surrounded the whereabouts of Roger Garrett, a snooker professional from Harlow, when he failed to appear for his first-round match against Dave Harold in the first round of the Sweater Shop International Open in Bournemouth yesterday.

When Garrett, who once missed the world championship qualifying competition after leaving his cue on a train, did not arrive at the venue the tournament director, Ann Yates, had no option but to scratch him from the event and inform local police. An appeal for his whereabouts on Sky Sports, who are broadcasting the tournament, proved fruitless, but he later telephoned his home.

Garrett's absence came as a complete surprise to his father and to his manager, Fred Collins, who had travelled from Essex for the match. "He only had a lemonade and lime last night," he said. "He went to bed in good form hoping to beat Harold and earn a crack at Steve Davis in the next round."

A dress suit and cue had been found in Garrett's room at the Fairmont Hotel but the holdall used for his casual clothes was missing. Con Garrett, the player's father, was dumbfounded. "We just don't know where he is. I can't understand it," he said.

On the table, Ronnie O'Sullivan climbed from fourth to third in the provisional world rankings, displacing James Wattana, by beating Graeme Dott, of Glasgow, 5-3. O'Sullivan, who has reached at least the quarter-finals of all eight tournaments he has played in this season, suffered the occasional lapse of concentration but also showed he is cueing sweetly by compiling breaks of 43, 85, 68, 43 and 51.

Afterwards, he revealed that he had not picked up his cue since his 9-3 victory over John Higgins in the Masters final at Wembley. "I normally practise every day but have been resting since Sunday to build up for this tournament," he said. "I put everything into this match because I am now concentrating on ranking points and moving up the list."

Willie Thorne, the world No 15, became the third member of the top 16 to lose in the first round when he was surprisingly beaten 5-4 by Anton Bishop, an inexperienced left-hander from Greenwich.

Bishop, who is 210th in the world rankings, seemed destined for a heavy defeat on his debut in the final stages of a leading professional event. Thorne led 3-0, thanks to breaks of 72, 73, 88 and 50, and moved 4-3 ahead with a 132 total clearance, before Bishop won the closing two frames with runs of 60, 54 and 74.

RESULTS (England unless stated): First round: D Henry (Scot) bt D Reynolds 5-2; P Lines bt D Mountjoy (Wales) 5-4; T Griffiths (Wales) bt T Pichit (Thai) 5-0; D Taylor (N Ire) bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-3; E Henderson (Scot) bt J Wattana (Tha) 5-4; T Drago (Malta) bt J Prince (N Ire) 5-4; S Davis bt M Flowerdew 5-1; D Roe bt S Murphy (Ire) 5-2; P Ebdon bt P Davies (Wales) 5-3; J Parrott (Eng) bt N Mooley (Eng) 5-0; A McManus (Scot) bt W Jones (Wales) 5-3; J Ferguson (Eng) bt S Francisco (SA) 5-4; A Bishop (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng) 5-4; D Morgan (Wales) bt C Thorburn (Can) 5-3; N Bond (Eng) bt D McLellan (Scot) 5-1; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt G Dott (Scot) 5-3; D Harold w/o R Garrett scr; N Foulds bt P McPhillips (Scot) 5-2; B Sneddon (Scot) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 5-3; M Price bt A Hamilton 5-1.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
AUSTRIA							
Kitzbühel	35	100	good	varied	fair	fair	2 14/2
(Upper pistes skiing well, all lifts and runs open)							
Mayrhofen	10	75	good	varied	closed	fair	5 14/2
(Fresh powder on ski areas, good skiing)							
Obergurgl	50	125	good	varied	good	sun	-2 14/2
(Sunny conditions after early snowfall, good skiing)							
FRANCE							
Les Arcs	160	445	good	powder	good	fine	-3 13/2
(Powder everywhere, great skiing)							
Isola	100	150	good	powder	good	sun	-1 14/2
(Very good skiing in all areas, windy at altitude)							
La Plagne	200	315	good	powder	good	sun	-5 13/2
(Near perfect conditions, wonderful skiing)							
Hevalier	55	130	good	crusty	good	fine	2 13/2
(Excellent skiing after heavy snowfalls, resort busy)							
SWITZERLAND							
Arosa	80	115	good	powder	good	fine	0 14/2
(Excellent skiing everywhere, great powder available)							
C Montana	90	325	good	powder	good	fine	2 13/2
(Pistes still uncrowded, fresh snow and good skiing)							
Villars	50	235	good	powder	good	fine	5 14/2
(Excellent skiing, powdery snow, best above 1,800m)							

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

International match
Ireland v England (at Lansdowne Road, 6.15) ....

Coca-Cola Cup
Semi-final, first leg
Liverpool v Crystal Palace (8.0) ....

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Swindon v Bristol City (7.45) ....

Bell's Scottish League
Third division
Arbroath v Queen's Park ... .

FA UMBRO TROPHY: Second-round replay: VS Rugby v Altrincham.
UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Cup: Fourth round: Bishop Auckland v Accrington Stanley. Unifilta First division Cup: Third round: Caernarfon v Netherfield.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Sittingbourne v Sudbury (7.45). Solihull v Gravesend and Northfl. Postponed: Corby v VS Rugby. Southern division: Salisbury v Bashley (7.45)
MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Dunstable v Shillington.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridport v Torrington.
HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Cirencester v Shortwood.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Holker Old Boys v Prescot; Rossendale v Eastwood H (7.45)
ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Southend Manor v Basildon.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Downton v Swanage and Herston. Cup: Quarter-finals, first leg: Fleet v AFC Lymington; Ryde Sports v Thatcham.
UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Arundel v Portfield, Southwick v Whitehawk.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Worsbrough Bridge v Lincoln United, Brigg v Sheffield.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Charlton v Arsenal (at Welling Town, 7.0); Oxford United v Swindon; Bristol City v Portsmouth (at Clevedon Town FC) League Cup: Bath v Torquay (at Keynsham); Cardiff v Bournemouth (2.0); Cheltenham v Hereford; Plymouth v Exeter. Postponed: Yeovil v Swansea.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v West Bromwich (at Walsall FC, 7.0); Blackburn v Everton (at Wigan FC, 7.0); Manchester United v Tranmere (at Bury FC, 7.0). Postponed: Liverpool v Derby. Second division: Barnsley v Leicester (7.0), Blackpool v Birmingham City (7.0); Port Vale v Bradford (7.0); York v Middlesbrough (7.0).
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round replay: Monaghan v Douglas H (2.30); Cork v UCD.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fourth round: Cardiff v Risca. Fifth round: Merthyr Tydfil v Ton Pentre.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Under-18 Internationals: France v England (at Armentieres, 4.0); Wales v Northern Ireland (at Llanelli FC, 11.0am). FA Premier League Trophy: Under-19: Humberside v West Midlands (at Quibell Park, Scunthorpe, 2.0); Inner London v Sussex (at Alleyns, 2.15). English Schools Snickers Trophy: Under-19: Second round: King Edward SFC, Warwickshire, v Holy Cross SFC, Greater Manchester (2.0); Worcester SFC v The Cherwell, Oxon (2.0).

RUGBY UNION

Representative match
Army v Metropolitan Police (at Aldershot, 2.30) .....
Surrey v Royal Navy (at Metropolitan Police Ground, 7.30)

Club matches
Barry Hill v Exeter Univ (7.0).....
Newcastle Gos v Newcastle Univ (7.30)
Oxford Univ v Anti-Assassins (3.0).....

RUGBY LEAGUE

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

John Smith's European Championship
England v France (at Gateshead)

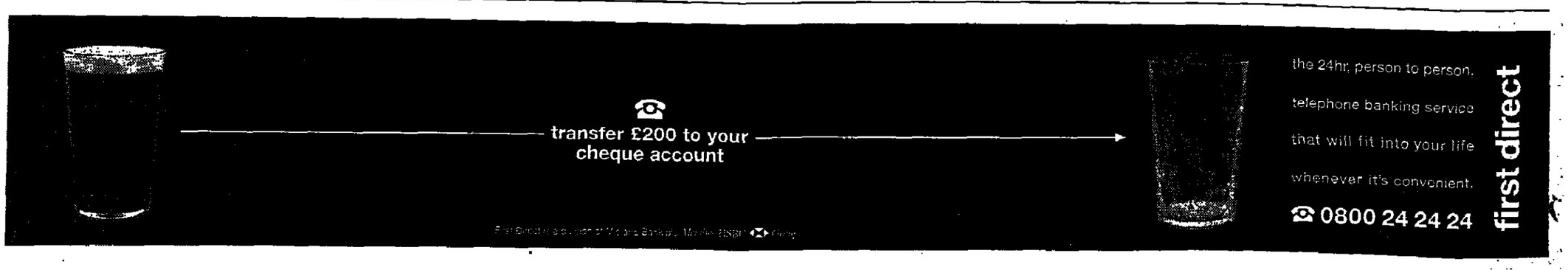
Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Fourth-round replay
St Helens v Wigan .....
Salford v Hunslet (8.0) .....

Stones Bitter Championship
First division
Bradford v Featherstone ....
Doncaster v Oldham ....
Halifax v Wigan ..... P
Warrington v Sheffield..... ..... P
Widnes v Workington ....

Second division
Dewsbury v Keighley ....

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v Leicester (8.0). National Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Thames Valley Tigers v Leopards.
BOWLS: Churchill Insurance world indoor championships (Preston).
SNOOKER: International Open (Bournemouth).
TENNIS: LTA satellite tournaments: Men's (Coventry); Women's (Sunderland).



Pre-natal surgery is not to be taken lightly

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

On a rock overlooking the Pacific Ocean, pine trees waving, a west-coast medical scientist searches his heart. This doctor is unusually frank and compassionate, he's got big sincere eyes, and he is evidently a hell of a guy. So, why does he perform life-threatening operations on babies still gestating in the womb — pulling them out a bit, cutting into their unborn bodies, and then pushing them back and sewing up the hole? Well, forget pure scientific curiosity in this case. This chap says he is a pioneer in foetal surgery for the simple reason that, despite the enormous risks to themselves, concerned *parents won't let him stop*. He doesn't sob, but it's a near thing. "You can't stop," he says. Of course it's agonising for the parents when the experiment doesn't work. But it's *just gotta work*.

For anyone brave enough last night to watch **Twice Born**, Deborah Cadbury's astounding *Horizon* (BBC 2), this Californian chap *provided an interesting sub-plot. I* mean, personally I believed all this bit about the parents being the driving force. Later, however, we saw the same doctor transfixed like H.G. Wells's Dr Moreau over the infinite possibilities of foetal transplants ("We have made chimeras. Bone marrow chimeras. Human to sheep, human to monkey, human to mouse. And they work — every time, as long as you do it at the right time in gestation."). And at this point it was rather hard to picture how those desperate distressed parents were really *pushing* him along, like a stalled car on a hill.

This was an extraordinary programme, unblinkingly direct in showing sharp knives, pulsing pink flesh, and tiny-veined, unformed babies, in hospitals worlwide, being monstrously mucked about in the open air, in the name of progress. The pace was steady and unsensational, Janet Suzman's commentary never wavered, but the story was lunatic and disgusting none the less. Scientists talked about living foetal tissue as if it was so much tapioca pudding. A Swedish surgeon coolly explained that in the interests of foetal transplantation, it will become necessary to conduct abortions so that bodies can be dismembered and "harvested" while still alive. Then hey presto! Spare limbs can be "cultured" (i.e. grown) and attached to other unborn babies as required. (Just think: little arms sprouting in dishes around the lab. Perhaps they could perform an occasional Mexican wave to keep their spirits up.)

St Valentine got less than his usual coverage this year, thank goodness. BBC 1 confined itself to **A Wild Romance**, a rather larky-wildlife compilation linked by a commentary from Siobhan Redmond. Ostensibly, this little film showed how traditional human courting and nuptial behaviour is mirrored in the natural world ("Shall we dance?", "Fancy an After Eight?" and so on), but ended up frankly much more useful the other way about. Modern women are wrong to forget the lessons of the female marsh heron. Before consenting to mate, they should make demands, as she does. "A freshly caught vole, or the deal's off!" Oh yes. That would sift the sheep from the goats.

In fact, the more Miles Barton's film banged on about the great qualities of loyal, sturdy, protective male animals, the more fed up I became, the more I frowned and bit my lip. The male wren wants so keenly to impress a female that he builds a dozen separate nests, all cosy and warm, and anxiously shows her around, pointing out the roominess and southern aspects, and hoping she'll say "Yes". Good grief. Evidently, evolution must continue for many millennia yet before the female wren wakes up one morning in her own nest to discover the male is making breakfast to the sound of Radio 1, and has parked his bike in her hall.

Obviously, there are many chaps in nature who are not such paragons as the home-loving wren, or the placid, cuckolded puffin, or the saintly African antelope who keeps watch for danger (he signals red-alert to his family by whistling sharply down his nose, making a sound like a trapped bee). But on Valentine's Day, you must expect bias, you must expect doves being lovey. The real St Valentine was clubbed to death, you know. I just thought I'd mention that.

Half-hour drama serials are popular, but I don't see the point, myself: no sooner has the story picked up momentum than the credits are rolling (generally rather quickly, as if it's a bore). A series such as **September Song** (ITV) suffers from the format. Now in its third series, Ken Blakeson's Saga saga has a decent pair of harmless central characters in the comedian Billy (the excellent Michael Williams) and the oddly superfluous Ted (Russ Abbot); also the setting of Cromer Pier is a cheerful one; and Billy's rivalry with the vicious star turn, Cyril Wendage (Frank Windsor) is enough to grip.

But it plods, it's slack, it neglects Ted, and at the end of 25 minutes, it stops. Also, where do all the audiences come from, for Billy's show? Look into the stalls during a matinee, and the house is packed with happy laughing people: scan the promenade on a fine day and it's like the morning after the neutron bomb. Meanwhile Frank Windsor (bless him) injects all the energy (perhaps because he's not "bittersweet": he's jealous and conniving), and Russ Abbot grins and shrugs bravely on the sidelines, as if to say "No, I'm fine, carry on". Abbot models his trousers, haircut and windcheater to perfection, but clearly he is too polite to say what he's really thinking: that if he's not required on set, he could pop home and plane a door.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (48573)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (62610592)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9138263)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7131592) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick** (s) (88780028)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1023318) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (2242660) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75324950)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (27931)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82159399) **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz game (s) (82153115)

2.15 Alias Smith and Jones. Light-hearted western adventures starring Pete Duel and Ben Murphy, with guest stars Patrick MacNee and Juliet Mills (r) (2506370)

3.05 Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave. Three-course meals produced in a microwave (8851134) **3.20 Brilliant Gardens.** Rula Lenska visits the Royal Garden at Kew (7481202)

3.30 Cartoon (9586486) **3.45 Sick as a Parrot.** Crossword puzzle game show, presented by Simon Davies (9574641) **4.00 Jackanory.** Rik Mayall with the last part of *The Fwog Pwince the Twuth!* (r) (s) (4454115) **4.10 Potsworth and Co** (r) (7987919) **4.35 The Really Wild Show** with Chris Packham, Michaela Strachan and Howie Watkins in Arizona. (Ceefax) (s) (5642757) **5.00 Newsround** (3196912)

5.05 CHOICE **The Biz!** (Ceefax) (s) (5567711)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (607009). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (776)

6.30 Regional news magazines (888)

7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel emotionally mugs another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (5825)

7.30 NEW **Here and Now.** Current affairs magazine (912)



Alan Yentob on the BBC2 logo (8.00pm)

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull with more instances of human endeavour. (Ceefax) (s) (930467)

8.45 Points of View. (Ceefax) (s) (723592)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8912)

9.30 CHOICE **The Private Life of Plants: Surviving.** (Ceefax) (s) (121399)

10.20 Sportsnight. Desmond Lynam introduces highlights from tonight's football friendly between the Republic of Ireland and England and the Silk Cup Challenge Cup fourth round replay between Wigan and St Helens. Plus a preview of the weekend's five nations' rugby union matches (s) (426912)

12.00 FILM: Cops and Robbers (1973) starring Cliff Gorman and Joseph Bologna. Lighthearted caper movie about two policemen who plan to steal $10 million from a Wall Street investment company. Directed by Aram Avakian (45535)

1.30am Weather (4867413)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: Reaching and Grasping (7696950) **6.45** The Necessity for History (8072196) **7.10** San Francesco, Remini: Il Tempio *Malatestiano* (3415592) **7.35** *Disappearing* Childhood (2875080)

8.00 Breakfast News (7530844) **8.15 Westminster On-Line with Trevor Phillips.** The guest is Derek Lewis, Director-General of the Prison Service (s) (4123844)

9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2187689) **2.00** The Greedysaurus Gang (41695844) **2.05** Spider (41694115)

2.10 Songs of Praise from Malmesbury Abbey, Wiltshire (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6355009)

2.45 Myths and Legends. Garry Rice explores the myths and legends connected with the Stratford-upon-Avon area (s) (9086009)

3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross** (6187467) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3813486)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (641)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Innovative recipes (s) (825)

5.00 Play It Again. Big band sounds and songs, introduced by Paul Jones (s) (6931)

5.30 All in the Mind. Lateral thinking quiz, presented by Alison Holloway (405)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. Science-fiction adventures. (Ceefax) (s) (527221)

6.45 This Is Garth Brooks, Too. The singer recorded at the Texas Stadium in Dallas (r) (s) (189370)



Allied commander General MacArthur (7.30pm)

7.30 The World at War. General MacArthur's Pacific campaign (r). (Ceefax) (56573)

8.30 University Challenge. Trinity College, Cambridge, meet the University of St Andrews in the second *quarter-final*. (Ceefax) (s) (4950)

9.00 FILM: Bare Essentials (1990) starring Gregory Harrison and Lisa Hartman. A comedy adventure about a recently-engaged couple who are marooned on a deserted island where they are joined by two beautiful strangers. Directed by Martha Coolidge. (Ceefax) (5283)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (792221)

11.15 The Late Show with Tracey MacLeod (s) (645009) **11.55 Weather** (917711)

12.00 Endgame by Samuel Beckett (800429)

1.35am The Record. The day in Parliament (2655784)

2.00 Night School: Special Needs — Access to Learning (56697) **4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today** (35823968) **4.30-5.00 BBC Select: Read and Write Together** (86784)

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CHOICE

The Private Life of Plants
BBC1, 9.30pm

Sir David Attenborough concludes his splendid series by showing how trees and flowers survive in the most hostile conditions. You would not bet on finding much vegetation in the frozen wastes of the Arctic, given that the usual essentials for plant life — water, nutrients, warmth and light — are in notably short supply. But trust Sir David's eagle eye to spot the algae and lichen and tiny flowers in the cracks between pebbles. Then it is off to the desert for more surprises. In Arizona and New Mexico, huge cacti thrive by storing several tons, yes tons, of water. As memorable as much for its time-lapse photography as its presenter's intrepid enthusiasm, and clearly owing much to a generous budget, the series ends with a message. We destroy plants, Sir David says, at our peril.



Students of the performing arts (BBC1, 5.05pm)

The Biz!
BBC1, 5.05pm

Despite its Russian-sounding name, the Markov Academy of Dance and Drama is located not in St Petersburg but in Richmond, Surrey. Written for children and about children, Chris Ellis's drama follows a number of youngsters who hope the school will be their passport to stardom. This is no Shirley Temple fairytale but a sharp-edged examination of a tough world where only the exceptionally talented or the amazingly lucky will survive. The tale takes time to get going but already the jealousies and disappointments are becoming apparent. Among several excellent performances, one that stands out is by Lindsey Wise as an 11-year-old with an obsessional determination to succeed as a ballet dancer.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Regular viewers of the current affairs series may recall Gwynne Roberts's investigations into Red Mercury, the substance developed by the Russians to help to make neutron bombs. Roberts returns to the subject in a report from South Africa which suggests that the right wing is secretly storing nuclear weapons, despite assurances by former President de Klerk that all the country's nuclear bombs had been decommissioned. The programme also links a series of mysterious deaths, of scientists, arms dealers and gun-runners, to the trade in Red Mercury. There is more. A former employee of a South African arms company claims that Britain, France, the United States and Israel all helped South Africa to develop a nuclear capacity.

Out of Order
Channel 4, 9.45pm

Conveniently stuck in that unreliable lift this week are Kate Saunders, columnist of *The Sunday Times*, and the provocative television dramatist, G. F. Newman. Their debating point, topically enough, is vegetarianism and the treatment of animals. Newman shows where he stands by wearing plastic, not leather shoes, and sporting a badge which proclaims that "meat is murder". Saunders is soon forced back on the ropes but deftly evades the killer punch. As usual, quarter of an hour is hardly long enough but the pair just have time to debate whether Jesus was a meat-eater and to accuse each other of Nazi-like attitudes before the lift is magically restored. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (1665573)

9.25 Chain Letters (s) (4925554) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2164738)

10.00 The Time...the Place (s) (4281405)

10.35 This Morning (90325115) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1012202)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (4948009)

12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4956028) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama serial. (Teletext) (61505554)

1.55 Capital Woman. Women's magazine. The guests include Newby Hands, beauty editor of *Harpers and Queen* (s) (89279893) **2.25 A Country Practice** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (61916573) **2.50 Blue Heelers.** Australian rural police drama series (9733134)

3.20 ITN News headlines. (Teletext) (7492318) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7491689)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (s) (9580202) **3.40 Wizadora** (r) (s) (3811028) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (7544196) **4.15 Reboot** (s) (7934848) **4.40 The Tomorrow People.** (Teletext) (6588478)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (8612680)

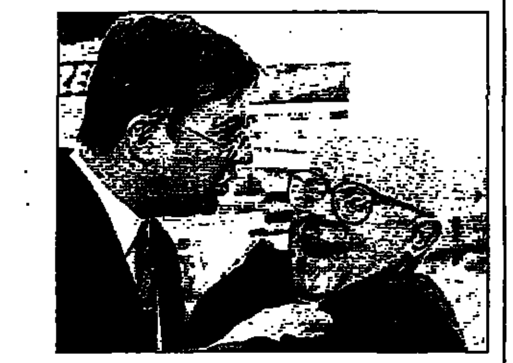
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (957641)

5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' video soapbox (801979)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (844)

6.30 London Tonight with Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (196)

7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show presented by Phillip Schofield and Emma Forbes (s) (3221)



Kevin Kennedy and Ken Morley (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Reg and Curly have an altercation. (Teletext) (680)

8.00 The Match — Live. Bob Wilson introduces coverage of the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, first leg match between Liverpool and Crystal Palace at Anfield. The commentators are Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson (1196)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (58776)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (431738)

10.40 FILM: Manhunt — Search for the Nightstalker (1989) starring Richard Jordan. A thriller about the police hunt for the serial killer who terrorised California in the summer of 1985. Directed by Bruce Seth Green (65862573)

12.40am Alien Nation. Science-fiction drama series (s) (1529559)

1.35 Hollywood Report. Showbusiness gossip (s) (8712177)

2.05 The Beat. Music and movie magazine, introduced by Gary Crowley (s) (6771806)

3.00 The Album Show. Album-based music show (s) (8231429)

4.05 Shift. Series in which young producers and directors get the chance to bring their work to the small screen (7145055)

4.55 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (6976158)

5.30 ITN Morning News (89790). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Sandokan (r) (8076912)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (17554)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (35825)

9.30 Schools: Living and Growing (9143196) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (9166047) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6949047) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (6928554) **10.40** Living with Technology (1803196) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6301912) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9538757) **11.15** The Music Show (2919202) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3274080) **11.45** First Edition (3202863)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine (55689)

12.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning entertainment (24950) **1.30 Take 5** featuring *Mister Men, Tales from the Riverbank, Natalie, Ivor the Engine* and *Joggy Bear* (r) (70486)

2.00 Starlight Serenaders. Cartoon (59630028)

2.15 FILM: Mercy or Murder? (1987) starring Robert Young and Frances Reid. A made-for-television drama about an elderly retired doctor who decides *to mercy kill his terminally-ill wife. Directed by Steven* Gethers. (Teletext) (668979)

4.00 Journeyman. Clive Gunnell continues his south of England odyssey and reaches Salisbury Plain. (Teletext) (s) (739)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (221)

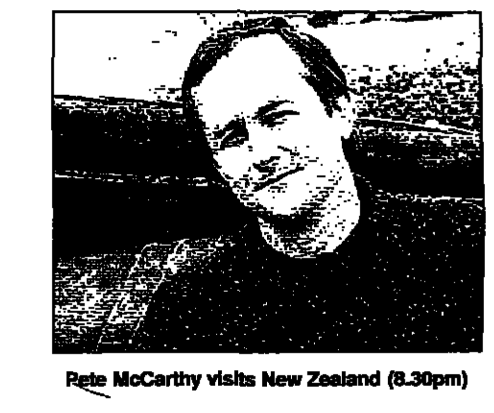
5.00 Ricki Lake. The guests are women who delight in stealing other women's men. (Teletext) (s) (7708318)

5.50 Terrytoons. Classic cartoons (884202)

6.00 The Crystal Maze (r). (Teletext) (s) (89134)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (701641) **7.50 The Slot** (776399)

8.00 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (7283)



Pete McCarthy visits New Zealand (8.30pm)

8.30 Travelog. The final programme of the series finds Andy Kershaw in New Mexico's cowboy country and Pete McCarthy in New Zealand. (Teletext) (6318)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** (Teletext) (961863)

9.45 CHOICE **Out of Order.** (Teletext) (s) (243047)

10.00 ER. American hospital drama series. (Teletext) (s) (1573)

11.00 The Best of the Tube presented by Jools Holland and Paula Yates. Tonight's highlights include Terence Trent D'Arby's television debut and the Jam's last live television gig (s) (644370)

11.35 Moviewatch (r) (s) (491370)

12.05am LA Law. Courtroom drama series (s) (7865603)

1.00 Weird Nightmare. The music of Charlie Mingus explored by Ray Davies with the help of Elvis Costello, Vernon Reid, Keith Richards, Charlie Watts and archive film footage (r) (s) (1232158)

2.05 FILM: Under Two Flags (1936, b/w) starring Ronald Colman, Victor McLaglen and Claudette Colbert. Drama about an Englishman who joins the Foreign Legion to cover up a crime committed by his younger brother and finds himself as a rival of his commandant for the love of a woman. Directed by Frank Lloyd (983993). Ends at **3.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (2164738) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (1012202) **1.55** A Country Practice (82147554) **2.20** Gardening Time (61908554) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9733134) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7491689) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (8612680) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (859467) **10.30** Anglia News (431738) **10.40** I'm Dangerous Tonight (91424979) **12.30am** The Album Show (5041448) **1.25** Hollywood Report (6224178) **1.55** America's Top Ten (2735974) **2.20** Shift (7778448) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (6655245) **4.00** The Time... the Place (67784) **4.30** On the Live Side (73210) **5.00-5.30** The Munsters Today (44264)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2164738) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1012202) **1.55** A Country Practice (82147554) **2.20** Gardening Time (61908554) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9733134) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7491689) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (8612680) **6.25-7.00** *Central* News and Weather (859467) **10.30** Central News and Weather (431738) **10.40** Spellbinder (91424979) **12.30am-12.40** Get Stuffed (8021697) **3.55** Profile (10516559) **4.05** Jobfinder (4200210) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9802429)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2164738) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1012202) **12.55** Shortland Street (4956028) **1.25** Home and Away (30518912) **1.50** Highway to Heaven (7898554) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (9733134) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7491689) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (8612680) **6.25** Granada Tonight (859467) **7.00-7.30** Talking Telephone Numbers (3221) **10.30** Granada News (431738) **10.40** Being There (284047) **11.10** Quincy (785349) **12.40am** Alien Nation (1529559) **1.35** Hollywood Report (8712177) **2.05-3.00** The Beat (6771806) **4.05** Shift (7145055) **4.55-5.30** The Time... the Place (6976158)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Good Health! (89279893) **2.25** Simply Delicious (61907825) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7921467) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (7491689) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (8612680) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (196) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (431738) **10.40-12.40pm** The West Match **11.40-12.40am** MacGyver: Cease Fire

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 1.55-2.25 Only Yesterday (89279893) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (196) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (431738)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (82147554) **2.20** Getaways (61908554) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9733134) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (8612680) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (844) **6.30-7.00** The Village (196) **10.40** I'm Dangerous Tonight (91424979) **12.30am** The Album Show (5041448) **1.25** Hollywood Report (6224178) **1.55** America's Top Ten (2735974) **2.20** Shift (7778448) **3.10** The Little Picture Show (6655245) **4.00** The Time ... the Place (67784) **4.30** On the Live Side (73210) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (44264)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55 High Road (89279893) **2.25-2.55** The West at Work (61907825) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (7491689) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (8612680) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (81592) **10.30** Westcountry News; Weather (431738) **10.40** Power Game (264047) **11.10-12.40pm** The Pick-Up Artist (785349)

YORKSHIRE

***As London* except: 1.55** A Country Practice (82147554) **2.20** Masters of Beauty (61908554) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (9733134) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale: Network North (7491689) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (8612680) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (146370) **6.30-7.00** Crosswits (196) **10.30** Calendar News and Weather (431738) **10.40** Street Legal (445776) **11.35-1.35pm** Project X (125931) **2.05am** Videofashion (8077061) **2.35** The Album Show (9279968) **3.35** Noisy Mothers (5903351) **4.30-5.30** Jobfinder (95332)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (17554) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (35825) **9.30** Yegolion (543979) **12.00pm** House To House (55689) **12.30** Slot *Meithrin* (71115) **1.00** Sesame Street (69370) **2.00** The Horse's Mouth (360825) **3.45** High Interest Honey They Shrunk the Pensions (9388825) **4.30** The Cosby Show (221) **5.00** 5 Pump (5194196) **5.20** 5 Pump (3190738) **5.30** Countdown (573) **6.00** Newyddion (521221) **6.15** Heno (589196) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (1863) **7.30** Trip Top (850) **8.00** Ieuan - Arwr Brau (7283) **8.30** Newyddion (8318) **9.00** Dim Ond Cell (942863) **9.35** Rep (861467) **10.00** Brookside (56318) **10.30** E.R (33842) **11.30** Dispatches (110606) **12.15am** The Golden Girls (13090) **12.45** Ellen (63531)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (50080) **8.00** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (2171399) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (1847221) **9.35** Card Sharks (1310009) **10.00** Concentration (5900592) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7264115) **10.30** Candid Camera (77825) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (52641) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (91405) **12.30pm** E Street (24221) **1.00** St Elsewhere (29776) **2.00** I'll Take Manhattan (45863) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (1988776) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (4580931) **4.30** The Mighty Morphin Power Rangers (5573) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8554) **6.00** Gamesworld (3738) **6.30** Blockbusters (7318) **7.00** E Street (9283) **7.30** M*A*S*H (6202) **8.00** A Mind to Kill: First of a six-part mini series starring Philip Madoc (60047) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (49554) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (918467) **11.45** Richard Littlejohn (628467) **12.30am** Chances (72142) **1.30** Night Court (28887) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5488351)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.

6.00am Sunrise (9909009) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (86863) *10.30 ABC* Nightline (75467) **11.00** News and Business (704329) **1.30pm** CBS News (58592) **2.30** Parliament Live (92318) **4.00** News and Business (15009) **5.00** Live at Five (2180931) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (70159573) **8.00** News and Business (57573) **9.00** The O.J Simpson Trial (5536221) **12.30am** ABC News (70784) **1.30** Fashion TV (15622) **2.30** Parliament Replay (14993) **4.30** CBS News (42264) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (49142)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (5892496) **10.00 Swing Shift** (1984) (43739) **12.00 American Flyers** (1985) (26738) **2.00pm Butch and Sundance: The Early Days** (1979) (63134) **4.00 Annie** (1981) (99176080) **6.10 Archer** (1985) (34064979) **8.00 Mistress** (1992) (55115) **10.00 Three of Hearts** (1993) (720115) **11.50 Wild Orchid 2** (1991) (235414) **1.40am *Fatal Friendship*** (1992) (4154516) **3.10-4.40 Alligator II — The Mutation** (1990) (48772790)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm The Court Jester (1955) (32202) **8.00 Harry and Tonto** (1974) (44047) **10.00-12.00 Missing in Action 2 — The Beginning** (1985) (25301)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Paris When It Sizzles (1963) (83318) **8.00 Hiawatha:** Animation (53554) **9.00 Robin Hood:** Cartoon (98080) **10.00 The Big Broadcast of 1937** (1936) (33979) **12.00 We're No Angels** (1954) (17080) **2.00pm Young Mr Lincoln** (1939) (61776) **4.00 Hiawatha** As 8am (33405) **5.00 Robin Hood.** As 9am (6522009) **5.55 Race to Freedom: The Underground Railway** (1993) (16135660) **7.30 *Special Feature:*** Solitaire for Two (9912) **8.00 Batman Returns** (1992) (85310405) **10.05 The Vanishing** (1993) (727028) **11.55 Rubdown** (1993) (348080) **1.30am Dead of Winter** (1987) (209177) **3.10-4.40 The Hospital** (1971) (48770332)

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SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1760775) **7.15** World Wrestling Federation Superstars (837202) **9.15** Soccer News (2571080) **8.30** Tartan Extra Scottish Football (68196) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (48486) **10.00** International Snooker, Live (3650863) **5.00** World Wrestling Federation Challenge (2776) **6.00** International Football, Live: Republic of Ireland v England (348028) **8.30** International Snooker, Live (67931) **10.00** Soccer News (306496) **10.15** The Big League: England v France (457880) **12.15-2.00am** International Football: As 6pm (621974)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Eurotennis (69573) **8.30** Euroski (86592) **9.30** Freestyle Skiing (19115) **10.30** Eurotennis (93699) **11.30** Figure Skating (71486) **1.30pm** Snooker (29660) **3.30** Equestrianism (33979) **4.30** Figure Skating (87221) **5.30** Athletics (83979) **6.30** Eurosport News (6844) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (62824) **8.00** Motors Magazine (54349) **10.00** Car Racing (57496) **11.00** Equestrianism (62888) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (80413)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (6238757) **8.30** Peyton Place (6237028) **9.00** As the World Turns (9665496) **10.00** Guiding Light (6943660) *11.00-12.00 Another World (6930196)*

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Getaway (8231844) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1286028) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (6834912) **1.30** Real Food of China (1285399) **2.00** California's Gold (8591573) **2.30** Ticket to Paradise (7339009) **3.00** Ghost Towns (1187302) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (7353689) **4.30** Zoo Life (7342573) **5.00** Cruising the Globe (8582825) **5.30** The Real Food of China (7333825) **6.00** Getaway (7330738) **6.30** Video Trips (7354318) **7.00** America's Great Outdoors (8684689) **8.00** Around the World (8588009) **8.30** Sky Travel (8590844) **9.00** Getaway (1195221) **9.30** Video Trips (1299592) **10.00** America's Great Outdoors (8676660) **11.00** Cruising the Globe (1174738) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (2663196)



Beatie Edney and Christopher Lambert (Bravo, 9.30pm)

TLC

9.00am Blitz on Cartooning (2186028) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (1136486) **10.00** Lifestones (4017844) **10.30** Only Human (1083370) **11.15** Draw with Don (35542912) **11.30** Class By Class (4913641) **12.00** Breaking the Habit (2199592) **12.30pm** Life is for Living (1130202) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (9223298) **1.30** Blitz on Cartooning (1139573) **2.00** Jimmy's (4884825) **2.30** Cash in Hand (2803592) **3.00** Stars and Gardens (4896660) **3.30-4.00** It's a Vet's Life (2862009)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (6073775) **7.30** Neighbours (7528860) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2198863) **8.30** EastEnders (2197134) **9.00** The Bill (2188486) **9.30** Campion (4634931) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (6149660) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4822399) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2191950) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1132660) **1.00** EastEnders (7423216) **1.30** The Bill (1131931) **2.00** Bless This House (4886283) **2.30** Citizen Smith (2805950) **3.00** Knots *Landing* (4926115) **4.00** *Dallas* (4938950) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4917399) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (9076134) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9389592) **6.30** EastEnders (2897931) **7.00** Citizen Smith (4897399) **7.30** Bless This House (2893115) **8.00** Going Straight (4806047) **8.30** Carry On Laughing (4885554) **9.00** Fox (9240738) **10.00** The Bill (2109979) **10.30** Top of the Pops (7317196) **11.10** The Young Ones (3663202) **11.50** Dr Who (3963134) **12.20am** FILM: Oliver Twist (1948): David Lean's classic adaptation starring Alec Guinness (51256005) **2.25** Shopping at Night (59502603)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (1485196) **8.55** Garfield and Friends (9952573) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8052660) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3670825) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (1142573) **8.45** Casper and Friends (9858405) **9.00** Sesame Street (31432) *10.00 It's Dróibee Time (62080)* **12.00** Garfield and Friends (60134) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (86660) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (25196) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (99487733) **1.45** Baby Follies (74637432) **2.00** Barney and Friends (1689) **2.30** Babar (1931) **3.00** Casper and Friends (5671776) **3.15** Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventures (773405) **3.45** Sonic the Hedgehog (772776) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1058221) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (8467)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive! (3560757) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (868912) **7.45** Rugrats (867283) **8.15** Doug (976405) **8.45** Nickalive! (9819405) **9.00** Nick Junior including Bananas in Pyjamas (855573) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (24318) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (40844) **1.00** Smoggies (90825) **1.30** Alvin and the Chipmunks (49115) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1301) **2.30** Galaxy High School (4009) **3.00** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (6738) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (9554) **4.00** Doug (8689) **4.30** Rugrats (7573) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (1283) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mac (8825) **6.00** Grimmy (5738) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark?

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Tidal Wetlands (2894844) **4.30** Held in Trust (2890028) **5.00** Treasure Hunters (4808405) **5.30** Terra X (1865554) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8778486) **7.00** Predators (9242196) **8.00** Invention (4804689) **8.30** Nature Watch (4883196) **9.00** Nova — Astronaut's View of the Earth (9231080) **10.00** Blood and Iron (9241467) **11.00-12.00** Russian Rocketman (2578365)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM: Manuela (1957): Trevor Howard falls in love with a stowaway (4024134) **2.00pm** The Avengers (4012399) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4890486) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2802863) **4.00** FILM: The Blood of Fu Manchu (1968) (4894202) **6.00** The Protectors (2808047) **6.30** Cannon (2131202) **7.30** Scotland Yard (2888283) **8.00** The Avengers (9248370) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (4929202) **9.30** FILM: Highlander (1986): with Christopher Lambert (3974202) **11.30-12.00** It's Garry Shandling's Show (4000554)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5991689) **7.00** Living (1226931) **8.00** Ornamental Kitchen Garden (3651950) **8.30** Rendezvous (3650221) **9.00** Bazaar (3641573) **9.30** Katie and Allie (3536196) **10.00** Now You See It (8123554) **10.30** Susan Powter (3647757) **11.00** Young and Restless (5414496) **12.00** Take Six *Cooks (7002592)* ***12.35pm** Rendezvous* (61890329) **1.05** Kilroy (7934221) **2.00** Agony Hour (8124283) **3.00** Living (9472196) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (98462370) **4.00** Infatuation (6979554) **4.30** Crosswits (38598486) **4.55** Marco (6592554) **5.30** New Mr and Mrs Show (6998318) **6.00** Susan Powter (6989931) **6.30** Infatuation (6970283) **7.00** Living (7595592) **8.00** Young and Restless (7571912) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (7591776) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (7594863) **11.00** Sex and Sensuality (4158931) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8129738)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (5641) **5.30** Cliff Hanger (2047) **6.00** The Big Dish (972931) **6.25** All Clued Up (562554) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5405) **7.30** My Two Dads (9196) **8.00** Anne Of Green Gables (46405) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie. Wolf to the Slaughter (45592) **11.00** Lou Grant (35573) **12.00** Rhoda (19993) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (81622) **1.00** Danger Mouse (69448) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (15351) **2.00** Bordertown (36603) **2.30** African Skies (31910) **3.00** Lou Grant (94177) **4.00** Rhoda (16055) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (97413)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (42351) **6.30** The Grind (91641) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (34467) **8.00** VJ Ingo (561660) **11.00** Soul (23738) **12.00** Greatest Hits (74825) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (258399) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (5328028) **3.45** Cinematic (5316283) **4.00** News (1044028) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1067979) **4.30** Dial MTV (7775) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (44844) **6.30** The Zig and Zag Show (5370) **7.00** Greatest Hits (39115) **8.00** Most Wanted (75689) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (75554) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (559405) **10.15** Cinematic (547660) **10.30** News (260202) **10.45** 3 from 1 (265757) **11.00** The End? (81912) **1.00am** Soul (61061) **2.00** The Grind (90061) **2.30** Night Videos (7757806)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (6933283) **9.00** Cafe (6365776) **12.00** The Bridge (2021973) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (1479028) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2511399) **3.30** Into the Music (6518301) **6.00** Prime Cuts (1296405) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8686047) **8.00** Soul (8682467) **9.00** Ten of the Best (8675931) **10.00** The Bridge (8685318) **11.00** VH-1 to 1: Simple Minds (1176196) **11.30** The Nightfly (8310509) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (3552784) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including *at 4.00 CMT Delivery Room 5.00 Saturday Nite Dance Ranch* **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (51009) **7.00** Asian Morning (58738) **8.30** Bunyaad (53844) **9.00** Punjabi FILM: Dhee Rani (202405) **12.00** Ghar (92221) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM: Jeene Ki Arzoo (132554) **4.00** Serial: Mujrim Haazir (6009) **4.30** Kab Tak Pukaroon (8221) **5.00** Bunyaad (9467) **5.30** TVA and You (9573) **6.00** Belachandarin Chinnathi Rai (5738) **6.30** Tamil Cinema Quiz (9318) **7.00** BBCD (1047) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (8202) **8.00** News Bulletin (7467) **8.30** Hindi FILM: Lakhpati (310863) **11.30** Zindagi (77486) **12.00** Asian Morning (18061) **1.30am** Sight and Sound (6285993)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Between Two Worlds (1944) (95362979) **9.10 The Prisoner of Zenda** (1937) (28830641) **11.05 The Scapegoat** (1959) (36492370) **12.50am Monsieur Hector** (1941) (75426719) **2.25-5.00 Imitation General** (1958) (53580326)

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England coach turns to gifted maverick for international against Ireland

Venables puts trust in Le Tissier

FROM ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

LANDING across the water with England in Dublin last night produced the strangest feeling. All people wanted to know from Terry Venables were his intentions towards a Guernsey-born player, Matthew Le Tissier, while, like an echo in the howling wind, a voice from England's North-East promised a most inhospitable time for the English on the field at Lansdowne Road today.

Jack Charlton, who defected to the Irish as their manager exactly nine years ago, was speaking of the pleasures of being ahead of England in the official world rankings drawn up by Fifa, the game's world governing body. "Long may it continue," he mused. He hardly had to promise that nobody in his side would hang back and that it would be a competitive match.

Competitive means the same for the players who wear Irish green as it does in the colours that they wear in English club football. It means that they will harass, charge and play direct football and

Mr Cleansman 14
Open-minded Venables 44
Palace's quiet leader 44

that, because they know Le Tissier is a maverick with no particular taste for combative football, they will do all that is imaginable to throw him off his stride.

With respect to Warren Barton, the Wimbledon full back, who makes his debut tonight, Le Tissier is the centre of attention. He has coped throughout his career with the cruder aspects of the British game and he said yesterday — uncharacteristically, in an almost desperate attempt to talk his way into England selection — that "I'm the best of my type in England". Which, indisputably, he is.

Why, then, should defenders such as Alan Kernaghan and Terry Phelan, out of favour at a struggling club like Manchester City, believe that they can jarr or frighten this most entertaining player? Le Tissier, surely everyone knows by now, is capable of inventing the game.

Venables may mistrust his reluctance towards the work ethic, but the England coach, a little wearily after so many questions about a most gifted individual, said on arrival: "He'll play the way he does for his club, he'll play up front with Alan Shearer, but also join in the game. Everybody has wanted him to have the opportunity, he wants the opportunity, I want to give it to him. It's up to him to do the best he can."

If there was a hint of exasperation in Venables's words, it is because he is trying to build an England team playing, for want of a better expression, European-style football. It is not, and never can be, a game built around one player, even though such an experienced coach as David Pleat, of Luton Town, said just a week ago that he would build around the skills of Le Tissier.

Venables bridled perceptibly when he was questioned about whether this was quite the type of match in which to test Le Tissier: "I would be disappointed if anyone told me this wasn't their type of game. Ireland and Norway play a direct game. Romania play the type of game in which it is difficult to get the ball back off them. Nigeria hit you on the break. You can't pick and choose when you play. This is a different game for us, sure, it will be physically tough and the conditions will be difficult: there's nothing wrong with that. We may learn something about ourselves tonight."

The intention, however, will be to build on the more possessive game towards which Venables, albeit previously only in matches at Wembley, is committed to converting England. It is foreign in that it puts the emphasis on passing and control, not the customary clatter and frenzy of the English "power" game.

Tonight, Ireland lack six of their preferred first-choice players and this, in turn, will entrench them further into their reliance on spirit and togetherness. In attack, Niall Quinn, who is no more certain of a first-team jersey at Manchester City than Kernaghan or Phelan, will lead the attack with David Kelly. The latter will feed off Quinn and, though he has acquired only 18 caps in the nine years under Charlton (he has scored seven times) his form with Wolverhampton Wanderers is good.





Barton warms up for his England debut during training while Irwin and Charlton, the Ireland manager, plot their response yesterday

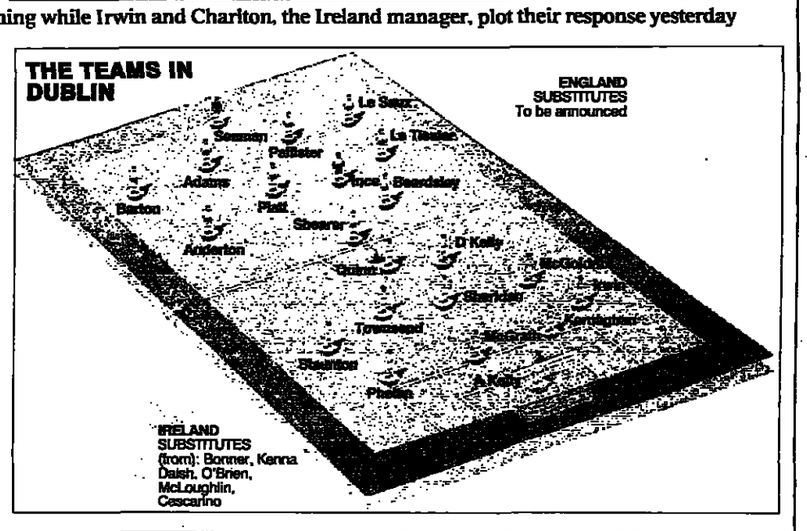
"I felt Kelly has been a bit lightweight for competitive matches," Charlton admitted, "but he is a good mover, he is in form and he has earned the chance against England."

With both teams committed heavily to midfield, as much because of the record of three draws and one Irish win between them in Charlton's time, the crowd and its expectation will play a significant part in how the game progresses.

"England only needed to send over the jerseys to fill Lansdowne Road," according to the Irish federation, which received 90,000 applications for tickets, more than twice the stadium's capacity. However, as Venables said, there is nobody in his squad who is unused to or afraid of crowd clamour.

Nobody? Barton knows the other side of the game better, the eerie silence that surrounds Selhurst Park when Wimbledon, his team, play their home games. His manager at Wimbledon, Joe Kinnear, believes Barton is "a better all-round player than Rob Jones [of Liverpool, whom he replaces] — he is two-footed for a start". Two good feet for an English footballer? Since Barton has also impressed Venables with his fitness, clean-living and, on the field, his adventure, who can be sure that this match will not usher in a new era for the unsung player rather than the often-heralded and finally-trusted Le Tissier?

THE TEAMS IN DUBLIN



Graham's job seems secure with signing of £2m Helder

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

GEORGE GRAHAM, the Arsenal manager, took his recent spending spree to £6 million when he completed the signing of Glenn Helder, the Vitesse Arnhem and Holland winger, for about £2 million yesterday. The latest addition to his squad also strengthened the repeated claims of Graham — and the club — that he will not be leaving Highbury in the foreseeable future.

Why else would the Arsenal directors have sanctioned such a large outlay in such a short space of time? Would they have given Graham the go-ahead to restructure his ageing and ailing side, as they clearly have, if they were preparing to release him? It is unlikely, even in a sport in which an apparent vote of confidence usually ends in tears.

Graham has survived months of speculation over his job security and, on Saturday, Garth Crooks, the former chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, claimed that Graham's last match in charge would be the FA Carling Premiership fixture against Leicester City that afternoon, which was drawn 1-1. Graham has also yet to face the outcome of an FA Premier League inquiry into alleged transfer irregularities, when John Jensen, the midfield player, moved from Brondby, of Denmark, to Arsenal 2½ years ago.

Helder, 26, will not be eligible for Arsenal's European Cup Winners' Cup quarter-final against Auxerre, of France, unlike John Hartson and Chris Kiwomya — whom Graham purchased for a total of £4 million last month.

Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, will miss the game as he will be starting a three-match suspension. Keith Burge, the referee, yesterday refused to change his mind over Adams's sending-off against Sheffield Wednesday earlier this month.

Adams was dismissed in the 53rd minute when he was involved in an alleged elbowing incident with Mark Bright, the Wednesday forward. Adams maintained he had simply been demonstrating what Bright had been doing to him, but, after watching the video, Burge confirmed his decision.

Atkinson approached to succeed Neal at Coventry



Neal: dismissed

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

RON ATKINSON is expected to succeed Phil Neal as manager of Coventry City today. Atkinson is also likely to ask Leeds United for permission to approach Gordon Strachan, the former Scotland midfield player, to become his assistant.

The latest managerial change, in a football season that has seen 32 departures in the FA Carling Premiership and Endsleigh Insurance League, was triggered by Neal's dismissal yesterday. Coventry had slipped to eighteenth in the Premiership.

Atkinson, 55, who was dismissed by Aston Villa three months ago, was immediately installed as favourite to take over after it was disclosed that Bryan Richardson, the Coventry chairman, had already spoken to him. "Bryan has contacted me and asked if he could see me," Atkinson said. "We will have to take things from there, but if I go to Coventry it will be a difficult job."

The path was cleared for Atkinson, who has also had spells in charge of Manchester United, West Bromwich Albion, Atlético Madrid, Sheffield Wednesday and Cambridge United, after he finally agreed compensation with Villa over the remaining six months of his four-year contract.

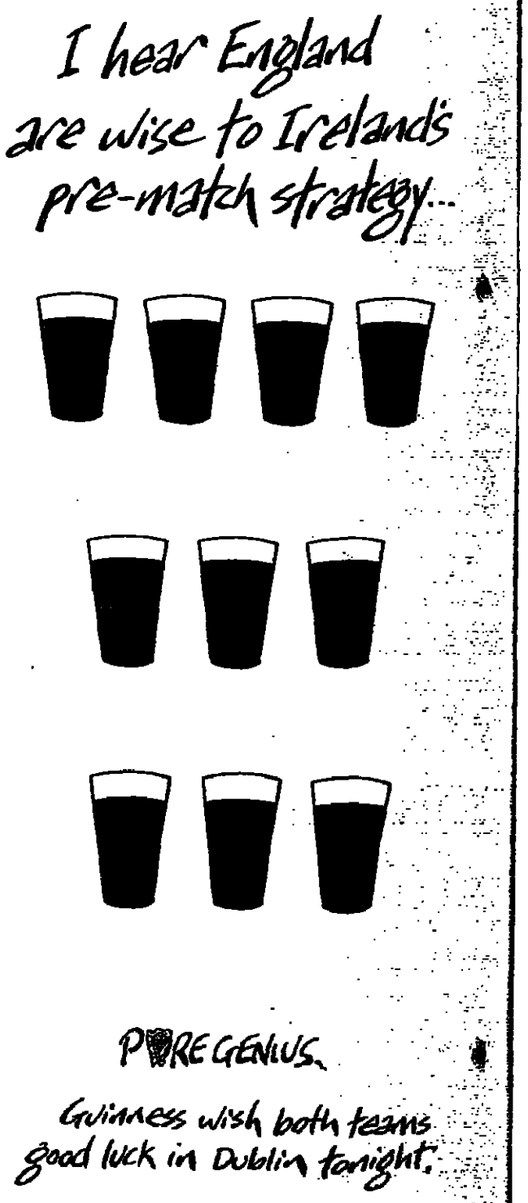
Strachan, now coaching at Elland Road after retiring from first-team football earlier this season, should make a smooth transition from playing staff to backroom staff. When Atkinson was in charge at Old Trafford more than a decade ago, he signed Strachan from Aberdeen.

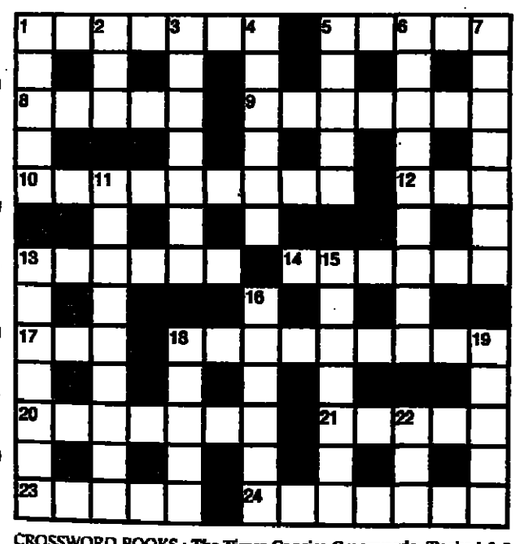
Neal, who took over from Bobby Gould in October 1993, at least had the satisfaction of leaving on a victorious note. His final game, against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on Saturday, produced a 2-0 victory. However, he could not resist a parting shot at the more critical sections of the club's supporters.

"I'm leaving Coventry City with a lot of sadness," he said. "When I started, I committed myself to manage with a lot of guts and determination, but injuries and suspensions over the last couple of months have made life extremely difficult. I appeal to the whingers who seem to enjoy constantly sniping at the club. I say to them, for the next 14 games, back the team to the hilt. With that sort of support, I see no reason why a top-ten finish cannot be achieved."

Richardson was equally disappointed at being forced to discard Neal. "Since Phil took over he has worked tirelessly," he said. "He leaves the club with possibly the strongest squad in its history and was instrumental in making Phil Babb [the defender now with Liverpool] the asset he was. At a time when the game is being maligned by allegations of sleaze and bungs, Phil has always shown himself to be a manager of the highest integrity and a tremendous credit to his profession."

More than a third of English league clubs have changed managers this season. With the relegation issues becoming increasingly intense, further blood-letting can be expected.





TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 396

ACROSS
1 Post on traffic island (7)
5 Squash-like game played with hands (5)
8 Edgar –, (esp. ballet) painter (5)
9 One-against-one matches (7)
10 Dessert course (9)
12 One-spot card (3)
13 Long pin for meat (6)
14 Hungarian currency (6)
17 Second person pronoun (3)
18 Imposing size, manner (9)
20 Sentry (7); retrieve from store (4,3)
21 US hickory nut, made into pie (5)
23 Canvas stand (5)
24 Chekhov portrayed three (7)

DOWN
1 Move reluctantly; give ground (5)
2 Haul; a projecting piece (3)
3 Spartan (7)
4 Wiping cloth (6)
5 Resources of money (5)
6 Treat rubber to strengthen it (9)
7 Possible criminal (7)
11 Shaking nervously (9)
13 Colour of the heavens (3-4)
15 Tragic Greek, killed father, married mother (7)
16 Prickly desert plant (6)
18 One of morbid tastes (5)
19 Bone cavity, esp. in head (5)
22 Signal, reminder (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 395

ACROSS: 1 Elbow grease 7 Goner 8 Fanfare 10 Giovanni 11 Limp 13 Dismay 15 Career 17 Ogre 18 Protegée 21 Extrude 22 Stoic 23 Half-hearted

DOWN: 1 Engaged tone 2 Bongo 3 Workaday 4 Refund 5 Aunt 6 Examine 9 Experienced 12 Fantasia 14 Stretch 16 Breech 19 Ghost 20 Duel

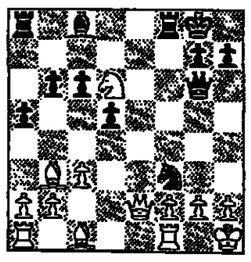
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Schonbauer - Despotovic, Yugoslavia 1974.

In this complicated position, Black is a piece down and both sides have a knight vulnerable to capture. What is Black's best move?



Solution, page 44
Raymond Keene, page 8

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

INVULTUATION
a. Someone's preferred profile
b. Confronting
c. Sticking pins into

MALVERSATION
a. Filthy conversation
b. Malpractice
c. Slander

SOFFIT
a. The underside of an arch
b. To pamper or cosset
c. A Byzantine official

BICRURAL
a. Having two legs
b. A type of mollusc
c. With dual legislatures

Answers on page 44